

30 January 85

His Eminence
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANCOGIAN, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue - NYC, NY 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

Several possible concerns and reminders for Your Eminence:

1. In speaking with Der Nersess, he seemed to think that he is more secure with his travel agent, who also happens to be a parishioner of his. He was worried about losing money if they don't solicit enough participants, etc. I tried to assure him that it would be difficult to lose money unless something very unusual happens. He also mentioned that since his agent does such a high volume business, he would be more willing to cover additional expenses. While this may be true, I see very little advantage to speculating.
2. A letter should be sent from the Primate's Office appointing the Group Leaders for the Trips. Father Arsem Barsamian called me and I said that Your Eminence will be speaking with him soon. I have not yet spoken with Father Vertanes or Yerezgin Kalayjian. Should I?
3. I have been receiving several annoying telephone calls from various people throughout the Diocese regarding their children, grandchildren, nephews and even "Friends" participating in the ACYOA Trip. The problem is that they are mostly under age 18 and are not high school graduates, are therefore not eligible for ACYOA membership and not eligible for consideration in the ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs. This problem seems to be muchrooming, and, some very irate parents continue to try send their off-spring. I have said, and include this in all mailings, that those who are ineligible (as aforementioned) will be placed on a "waiting list", and if there is space, they will be considered.
4. Please forward "Invitation of the Catholicos" at the earliest.

Your obedient servant,

JAMES MAGARIAN

11 January 85

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

Your Eminence:

Regarding the 1985 ACYOA Armenian Studies Program "Educational Tour to Armenia"; I have contacted Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian, however, he indicated that his schedule does not allow for a four week absence from his Parish at that time. Perhaps if he were appointed for the 1986 trip the scheduling might work out better.

As the next choice for Group Leader, I have contacted the Rev. Fr. Arsen Barsamian, and he eagerly accepted the responsibility, pending final appointment by Your Eminence.

While provision was made for Fr. Garabed's Yeretzgin to be the Assistant Group Leader with him, no mention was made concerning Fr. Arsen's Yeretsgin, or an Assistant for him. Please clarify if there is some other mature woman in mind.

I should like to get back to Fr. Arsen as soon as possible, and finalize some details pending.

Perhaps we might discuss this on Friday, while I am at the Diocesan Offices.

Your obedient servant,

JAMES MAGARIAN

11 January 85

MARTIN TOROSIAN
1010 Hunter Court
Deerfield, IL 60015

Dear Mr. Torosian,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the 1985 ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs.

The trip you are referring to is entitled "Educational Tour to Armenia". It is four weeks in duration, and is described on the enclosed poster.

However, please be advised that all applicants for this program should be at least 18 years of age, or, high school graduates this June. They should also be members of the ACYOA.

Enclosed you will find related materials. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

11 January 85

LLOYD SINGER
Caddylak Systems, INC - Dept. LS
201 Montrose Road
Westbury, NY 11590

Dear Mr. Singer,

Please send one copy of your new release "AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES OF MERIT". Please sent to the following address:

J. Magarian
99 Long Pond Road
Tyngsborough, MA 01879

Upon receipt, a check will be sent immediately.

Your flyer also mentions a free catalog regarding your others offerings, especially "Easy-to-make form books using your office copier".

Thank you.

JAMES MAGARIAN
YOUTH DIRECTOR

11 January 85

COLOYAN TRAVEL SERVICE
379 Trapelo Road
Belmont, MA 02178

Attn. Mr. Ed Coloyan

Dear Ed,

It is time once again to begin our preparations for the 1985 ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs to Armenia. The following is what one of our Clergymen received from another agent regarding the four week "Educational Tour". I have been asked to compare these arrangements and prices with you.

Please respond as soon as possible.

Price: \$1490.00 - held until March 31st. \$1580.00 after April 1st.

Includes: \$250.00 worth of printing and mailing costs for publicity,
plus telephone related costs.
2 free tickets for the Group Leaders.
Visas for all members of the group.
Departure Taxes.
Chartered bus from St. Vartan Cathedral to Kennedy.

Itinerary: NYC - 2 Moscow - 2 Leningrad - Yerevan - NYC. (basically)

All based on 30-35 group participants.

Please inform on your prices and arrangements, based on the above. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

3 January 85

ANN DEVEJIAN
In Charge of Meetings
1985 Diocesan Assembly
215-49 26th Avenue
Bayside, N.Y. 11360

Dear Ann Devejian,

Thank you for your letter of 22 October regarding the 1985 Diocesan Assembly and its varied preparations. Your head-start in planning the Assembly is a positive indication that all will go well.

Here is what we will need, as planned in previous years:

1. A room for approximately 20-25 people - maximum.
2. Equipment: chalkboard, podium (for speaker).
(other items, projector, screen, etc.
is unknown at this time)
3. Chairs, pads, pencils for 20-25 people. Tables should be set up in classroom style, or in a rectangle.
4. The type of room does not matter at this time.
5. The names of our annual event is "ACYOA Leadership Seminar", held in conjunction with the Annual Diocesan Assembly.

The coordinator of this ACYOA Program is the Chairman of the ACYOA Central Council, Arda Nazerian (of your Parish). As additinal information is available, or our needs change, she will inform you accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES HAGopian

3 January 85

LYNNE KASSABIAN
BEMA Editor - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue, NYC, NY 10016-4885

Dear Lynne,

I received your memo of 14 December and wish you the best as you begin your many and varied duties.

The procedure I use for news releases and articles concerning the ACYOA Senior Division and related areas is to write all the releases myself include a copy to the BEMA Editor. The Editor in turn takes the accumulated articles and usually deletes dated information and compiles an appropriate article for the BEMA.

If there are any questions at any time, please do not hesitate to be in touch. I am at the Diocese once or twice a month (in good weather!) and look forward to seeing you and hearing any new ideas you might have.

Stay well and may God bless you in your endeavors for His Holy Church.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA



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

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

26 November 85

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Realizing that all of you have been waiting patiently for the enclosed, some I understand sitting at the edge of their beds unable to sleep at night (I know I have), I am rushing the official, unabridged, original and unedited "1986 Parish Directory" for the Diocese. Use it in good health and with good intentions. I know I will.

Regarding the November "Update" - this was expertly prepared for bulk mailing by Scott, Gary and Jim in record time. Although an hour was spent at the Post Office the next day sorting zips and chatting with Postal employees, it appears that most if not all on the mailing list received the Nov. issue in November. Since we've achieved this milestone, our next target is to have everyone receive the January issue in December.....at this rate we'll be reaching for the stars in no time! (Jan. issue mailing date will be Dec. 12 and/or 13.)

Regarding contact with the parishes in your region - this cannot be stressed enough. Dividing up the Diocese into regions with one person responsible - regional representative - allows for a practical and feasible means of remaining in contact with all parishes - with and without active chapters. We have no right to expect a response to our flyers, letters, requests, etc., etc., unless we personally contact, remind, explain, beg, plead, implore, and develop a relationship with each parish/pastor/ chairman/contact/friend.....in each parish. Perhaps some will never respond - that's okay. It's perfectly alright to call and just say "hi" without demanding dues, fact sheets, reports, mailing lists, etc.

Regarding administrative endeavors - do your best with the time and resources you have. If you have taken on something which you really don't have time for, please inform.

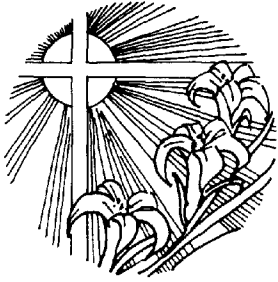
Regarding the upcoming holidays - be sure to enjoy them and give thanks to God for all our many blessings - and for the opportunity to participate and serve the Church through the ACYOA - I know I will.

Stay well and take good care.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

cc. Primate



Easter

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained..."

John 20:21-23

In the reading from the Easter service of the Armenian Church, Jesus reappears to His beloved disciples after the crucifixion, to reassure them of the resurrection and the promise of new beginnings. And with that promise He draws them into the life of the Spirit, so that just as Christ Himself, the apostles can do the Lord's work.

How easy it is to read the Gospel and admire the courage of the apostles! They heeded the command of the resurrected Christ and, empowered by the Holy Spirit, entered into lives of devoted service which we never assume can be our own.

But indeed, the message of Easter is that very command of our Lord: "Peace be with you as you serve God..."

How can we serve?

The world can be true apostles and stewards of God's new creation by attending to the many injustices we have tolerated too often and too long. May the Spirit help us to relieve the oppressed and poor in South Africa, South America, and other parts of the world where suffering goes unabated and unnoticed.

May our own country, which offered such a rich, hardy soil to the seeds of Armenian dispersion, look to its unfortunate, the homeless, the poor, the overburdened.

May our people, the Armenian people, be ever more vigilant to the suffering of others. It is our own special history - a tragic path of invasion and near-annihilation which grew green again with new faith, new culture, a language spoken in the four corners of the Armenian world, and a vigorous sense of self - that makes us strong. This strength we can, we must share with others.

It was, after all, for others that Christ took to Himself all that was human, "Truly and not in semblance": it was so that others would never again feel abandoned that He abandoned Himself to the Cross; it was so that others would never need to feel the sting of meaningless suffering and death that He suffered and died; it was so that all of us can share in eternal life that He rose; and it was so that all of us could share in His sacred mission that He commissioned his apostles to serve.

Let us rejoice in this gift of life and may every Armenian heart throughout the world exult in the astounding news.

**Christ is risen!
Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ!**

Prayerfully,

abp. Torkom Manoogian

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate



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

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

10 March 86

ENCLOSURES:

The materials enclosed are for all Parishes and ACYOA Chapters, primarily to be reviewed by Pastors and Chapter Chairmen.

1. ACYOA Promotional Poster: 40th Anniversary Celebration. Kindly provide a space for this on a bulletin board or display area. This may also be reduced for inclusion in parish newsletter.
2. Memorandum on ACYOA Leadership Seminar, May 3rd, 1986, Racine, WI.
3. Memorandum on ACYOA Armenian Studies Program - "Educational Tour to Armenia" - extension of deadline.
4. Outline for ACYOA "Membership Incentive Program" - to be placed in your ACYOA Chapter Handbook as page 14a.
5. Copy of the Primate's Easter Message for 1986.

10 April 85

SANDRA MEHTERIAN
ASP COORDINATOR
Central Council - ACYOA
Western Diocese
1445 Waverly, San Marino, CA 91108

Dear Sandra,

It was a pleasure to speak with you again today. It's also very refreshing to deal with a positive and cooperative person when trying to put together this particular program with all its problems and details.

Enclosed are the mailing lists you requested with regard to previous ASP participants from the Western Diocese. The records in this office only go back to 1980. Participants from your area joined the group in 1982 and 1983, whose lists are enclosed. Previous to this, the records at the Diocesan Center are not as easy to check into, and thus this is the best we can do for the time being. Hope this helps you.

Also enclosed are the two previous issues of the ACYOA Executive Update. This newsletter was initially and continues to be prepared primarily for Chapter Chairmen and Executive Committees, Pastors and advisors. However, the Central Council distributes copies to all names on the complete mailing list (about 2,000). The enclosed brochure you may have seen before.

If you have any questions or needs, please do be in touch.

May the many blessings of this Easter Season be with you throughout the year. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

enclosures.

25 April 85

BROTHER JOHN BURKE
Director - Office of Youth Ministry
50 North Park Avenue
Rockville Center, NY 11570

Dear Brother John,

It was a pleasure to speak with you today, and frankly, a relief.

The Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th, 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon. We can expect anywhere between 10 to 20 young adults. Most will be from the New York/New Jersey areas, as well as New England and the Mid-West. The enclosed flyer and brochures may provide some reference for you.

As mentioned, the Seminar is in conjunction with the Annual Assembly of our Diocese. There may be various people "around" during this day, including the Diocesan Primate and other various clergy. It should prove to be an interesting day.

I look forward to meeting you, and of course you will be our guest during the luncheon, if your time allows.

Again, thank you.

Respectfully yours,

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

enclosures.

27 February 85

ROBERT PAPA ZIAN
Royal Mansion APT. 5B
55 Sukhumvit
Bangkok, Thailand

Dear Mr. Papazian,

We have received a letter from Mr. Richard Demirjian of Moraga, California, explaining your interest in the ACYOA Armenian Studies Program, "Educational Tour To Armenia".

Our requirements regarding the Program and group makeup for travel and stay in Armenia include current ACYOA Membership - high school graduate in June or 18 years of age, through 30 years of age. In addition, the entire group must meet together in New York City prior to departure for orientation and instruction by the Primate.

We appreciate your interest and request, but find that you do not meet our eligibility requirements at this time.

God's blessings to you in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

c.c. Primate
Richard Demirjian

15 February 85

His Eminence
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue - NYC, NY 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

Enclosed is a recently received letter requesting information to a third party outside of the Diocese and the United States.

Please advise.

I shall be at the Diocese on Wednesday, Feb. 20th - weather permitting.

Your obedient servant,

JAMES MAGARIAN

7 February 85

JOHN ROBERTO
Director - Northeast Center for Youth Ministry
869 Broadway
Paterson, NJ 07514

Dear Mr. Roberto,

It was a pleasure to speak with you again.

This letter is to confirm our invitation to you as our "Conference Leader" on Saturday, March 2nd, 1985. The Leadership Conference will take place at St. James Armenian Church in Watertown, Mass., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (See enclosed announcement and directions.)

We understand that your fee for this day is \$300.00, plus \$50.00 travel expense. You will also bring with you for distribution a book for the Conference Participants (Our Leadership), which we will reimburse you for accordingly.

If there are any questions or problems, please do be in touch. We look forward to seeing you again.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

5 February 85

TO: Parishes and ACYOA Chapters

SUBJECT: ACYOA National Commemorative Program for the
70th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915

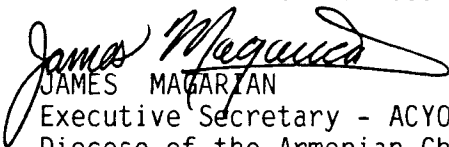
In keeping with the spirit of the 1984 ACYOA General Assembly concerning the 70th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915 in 1985, the ACYOA Central Council determined that an ACYOA National Commemorative Program was in order on this special occasion. Moreover, for the entire ACYOA across the Diocese to participate in one unified program in each Parish on the same day is perhaps the singularly most effective statement the young adults of the Church can make regarding their concern for those who perished in 1915.

The enclosed "Commemoration" outline is designed for your use in preparing your local program. This step-by-step resource provides the what, why and how of the four-part commemoration.

Perhaps the most significant part of the Program is Part 4 - the donation of Armenian books to local public libraries. It is of vital importance that information and resources on Armenians and Armenian subjects are available to students and general public. This is now especially so in light of recent steps taken by some to "re-write" history, particularly the events at the turn of the century in Ottoman Turkey.

Realizing that time is short, you are highly encouraged to begin your planning of this ACYOA Commemoration as soon as possible. For those ACYOA Chapters that do not celebrate **ACYOA Day** on Palm Sunday, as established by the Diocese, an exception should be made for this year. In this way, all ACYOA Chapters - large and small, weak and strong - will participate together in a unique and meaningful Program.

For the ACYOA Central Council,


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



Central Council

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America 630 Second Avenue New York, N. Y. 10016 (212) 686-0710

7 February 85

SHAKE AGAMIAN
Treasurer - ACYOA Central Council
15 Arjay Lane
Commack, NY 11725

Dear Shake,

As of this date, the regular monthly financial statements of the ACYOA Central Council have yet to be received on any type of scheduled basis. (See Operations Outline for proper procedure.)

You had mentioned awhile back that there were some discrepancies with the figures since you took over the Treasurer's Office. Have these been worked out? Have you contacted the past Treasurer?

Without the statements, we have no way of knowing the financial situation of the ACYOA Treasury. Moreover, if unusual funding is required, not even an educated guess can be made. If you are experiencing any problems, these should be made known.

In addition, has a check been received and cleared from the 1984 ACYOA National Sports Weekend Host Committee? If so, you should have so informed. If not, you should be demanding an explanation and informing of same.

On another subject, would you please ask for a price in your area for re-printing ACYOA stationary? We are running low. Needed is the letterhead and envelopes with blue ink. (3,000 envelopes and 2,000 letterhead should be enough for now. If there is a cut-off number for a better price, include that also.)

Stay well. Hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Council Chairman

5 Feb. 85

LISA MELIAN
3 Hollywood Place
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

Dear Lisa,

Thank you for your note of Dec. 16th. I apologize for not writing soon, but I've been so busy I can believe where the time is going.

Regarding your involvement in artistic projects, etc., I really can't say at this point what I have in mind, simply because I made a New Year's resolution (and I'm not breaking it) that I will not take on any new projects unless I can give them the time they need to be done well. Thus, any new ideas and projects will have to wait until I can get to them. For example, a booklet printed by the ACYOA in the late '60's entitled "Sacraments and Prayers of the Armenian Church" is in the review stage for reprinting. It has been in this stage for about 8 months because I simply can't get to it. This is the type of involvement I thought you might assist with. If you would like to see the review notes for this, let me know.

Enclosed you will find a flyer (you may receive another shortly as well) for a special conference on March 2nd. If you're interested and free on this date, you might find it interesting.

Stay well. I hope to be hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

5 February 85

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

Dear Lori,

On November 9th of last year, you telephoned and spoke to me about not willing to give up on your Chapter, and that you wanted materials so that you would be able to do things according to the regular ACYOA format.

I sent the materials that same day.

As of today, I have yet to hear from you, or from anyone from your Chapter.

Please inform and bring me up to date if you can.

Sincerely,

JAMES HAGARIAN

5 February 85

GARY TOWNSEND
Chairman - Lawrence ACYOA Chapter
4 Stoney Brook Road
Methuen, MA 01844

Dear Gary,

Two week ago today I called you and discussed two items:

1. Your meeting that coming Sunday.
2. The Watertown Basketball Tourney at the end of February.

You said you would call me early the following week and share the results of your meeting, and tell me when the next meeting is so that I might attend. I have told you several times that I wanted to visit your Chapter as soon as you were able to plan a regular meeting. (Whether or not all the problems were straightened out. Everyone has problems.)

You were also going to tell me if the boys were going to have their own team, or if you wanted to combine as we did last year.

In addition to these, Cory was to get three B-Ball uniforms that I lent to Steve Avedisian (#20 purple), Bob Bourdalais (#21 purple) and Cory (#38 Blue). He has not responded. (This is from last June!) Please follow up on this. Some of the younger boys need the uniforms for a game they have planned very soon.

I can expect to hear from you soon? Please do.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

12 March 85

REV. FR. VERTANES KALAYJIAN
Group Leader - ASP #1 1985
4125 Fessenden Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016

Rev. Father Vertanes:

Enclosed you will find a recent news release regarding the Armenian Trip which you will be leading again this year. It must be exciting to know that you will be again traveling to Armenia. This release is one of 4 sent out thus far, with at least two or three more in preparation.

Also enclosed, as per your request, are some random "evaluations" from last year's participants. You will find these useful and interesting. Please, make copies as you wish and return these originals, as soon as you can. Thank you.

We should plan to meet again during the Diocesan Assembly, as I do not, as or now, plan to be in your area.

I do hope that you are promoting the Program and will have some participants from your own ACYOA. At this time, response is somewhat slow for this time of the year. Please do what you can.

Respectfully,

JAMES MAGARIAN



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

19 March 85

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

Dear Peter,

This letter is to thank you for your efforts in assisting us with the luncheon for the **ACYOA Leaders Conference** on March 2nd. We really appreciate your help.

Moreover, I would like to tell you that you have been the most communicative Chapter Chairman this year. You have taken the time to inform of activities, situation, projects, and new ideas, and general "goings on". This is the way it should be, and you are really taking your position seriously to make such efforts.

So, let it be known to you that what you are doing is not going unnoticed, at least from here.

Stay well, and may the many blessings of the Resurrection of our Lord at Easter be with you and your family.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

19 March 85

SOUREN TASHJIAN
3 Desmond Avenue
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Mr. Tashjian,

Thank you for your letter of March 2nd. It's good to know that you are continuing to encourage your students to travel to Armenia with the ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs.

If the six applicants are bona-fide - that is, they meet the requirements of our Program - I would suggest that you divide the financial contribution from Mr. Alex Manoogian between them. This would be the best solution and allow them all to travel to Armenia - an they should not have to miss.

Presently, the cost of the trip is \$1490.00, however, this is subject to change.

Full information with final costs and details will be sent to all accepted participants in the Program.

Please remember that all applicants must use the standard application form, signed by their pastor, and accompanied by their valid passport and a deposit of \$500.00 each. Those not meeting these specifications will not be considered with the others that do.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

19 March 85

PAULA BEGHAKIAN
10 Locust Street
Woburn, MA 01801

Dear Paula,

This letter is to express our appreciation for your assistance during our **ACYOA Leaders Conference**, March 2nd in Watertown, Mass.

You and Vartan Manjikian made it possible for us to enjoy a great luncheon between sessions of the Conference. Please extend our thanks Vartan as well.

Again, much thanks. May the many blessings of the Resurrection of our Lord at Easter be with you and your family.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

19 March 85

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

Rev. Father Dajad:

This letter is to thank you and your Parish for use of the Church Hall on March 2nd for our **ACYOA Leaders Conference**.

Your hospitality allowed us to offer the program which was well received by those attending. Although we would have liked to see more participation, especially from St. James and Holy Trinity parish, we nonetheless realize that those who did attend did so because they value such programs.

Again, thank you. We hope the many blessings of our Lord's Resurrection at Easter be with you.

Respectfully,

JAMES MAGARIAN

18 March 85

JOHN ROBERTO
Director - Northeast Center for Youth Ministry
P.O.B. 196
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407-0196

Dear Mr. Roberto,

This letter is to express our sincere appreciation for your time and efforts during our "Leaders Conference" in Watertown, Massachusetts, March 2nd.

The participants enjoyed your enthusiastic presentation and mentioned that they really receive a great deal of insight and understanding regarding their youth work. When seeing two of the participants the next day at a meeting, they had already read part of the book you presented and were planning to use some of the ideas discussed.

Your payment (stipend and materials) will be forth coming. We appreciate your understanding the delay.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

19 March 85

JOHN ROBERTO
Director - Northeast Center for Youth Ministry
P.O.B. 196
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407-0196

Dear John,

As per our short discussion regarding our Leadership Seminar on May 4th in Bayside, NY, if you can assist in securing a speaker for us that day it would most appreciated.

This is an annual program for our youth organization (ACYOA) senior age group, (ages 18 thru 23-25). The average number participating is between 10 and 20.

What we should like to do this year is a two part program - one: presentation by speaker on priorities, time, social pressures, etc., etc., "How to share your valuable time with the Church." This would go from 10AM to 12N. And two: basic discussion on vital issues confronting our Church, but mainly the ACYOA, with a planning session included. This would run from 2PM to about 5PM.

What I need is a speaker for the morning session. We have some money budgeted for this, about \$60.00. Please be in touch if you can assist. I really appreciate it.

Also, Nancy Basmajian sends you her regards and asks for copies of the two books that you distributed at the Conference. Please bill her direct.

Stay well, John, and we hope your Easter is a joyous and wonderful time for you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

18 March 85

SANDRA MEHTERIAN
ASP '85 Liaison
ACYOA - Western Diocese
1445 Waverly
San Marino, CA 91108

Dear Sandra,

Thank you for your correspondence of March 12th. I am quite aware of the efforts needed in promoting and offering various ACYOA Programs, especially the Armenian Studies Programs. Keep up your fine efforts!

Regarding the "Jerusalem - The Holy City" Program, we are not offering this tour in 1985. In the past, with the various international conflicts in the Middle-East, as well as the problems within the Armenian community in Jerusalem, we felt it best to hold off on this Program. Perhaps, if there is interest (12-15 people) it should be pursued; needless to say a trip to the Holy Land would provide a great experience for the participants. Together, we might re-institute this Program in '86. Please relate this to Dennis Takessian.

Regarding the Visas, we handle and secure all Visas applications. As noted on our literature, Visas are sometimes difficult to secure for non-U.S.A. citizens.

Recently, I received an application with valid passport from David Madajian of Oakland, California. I advised him that a \$500.00 deposit was necessary, and, that he should inform you that he sent his application direct. (This is actually more efficient.)

Looking forward to hearing from you soon with applications, passports and deposits. I assume that additional information and balances due will be sent directly to the participants to avoid delays and handling problems.

Stay well and keep up the good efforts.

Sincerely yours,

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

26 March 85

SHAKE AJAMIAN
Treasurer - ACYOA Central Council
15 Arjay Lane
Commack, N.Y. 11725

Dear Shake,

It was nice to speak with you last night, and discuss with you those items of concern. Enclosed you will find the materials requested.

At this time, I would suggest the following:

---That you reproduce the "Essay Contest Rules" and distribute to all Parishes, if you are to distribute them at all. Discuss with other Council Members. If you decide to do it, I shall include it in the May Update.

---That you send letters of invitation to your region regarding the Conference on May 3rd. A follow up telephone call is a must to the Chairmen/Contacts, as well as the Pastors encouraging them to send someone, even if they don't have an operating chapter. (Promote them staying for the weekend and especially attending the Seminar on Saturday.

Remember, you are convening the Conference, and, you should formulate a light agenda. The main part of the agenda is to plan at least two programs for the chapters of the region to join together and sponsor/participate/do/etc. There is a great need for more inter-chapter activity in all the regions of the Diocese.

Please send copies of your correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

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c.c. Primate
Council Chairman

27 March 85

STEPHEN SARKISIAN
Tournament Director
1985 Archbishop's Basketball Tournament
4 Seneca Road - Woburn, MA 01801

Dear Stephen,

In speaking with Mark Kashgegian Monday evening at the Watertown ACYOA meeting, he provided information on the progress of the Host Committee for the 1985 Archbishop's Basketball Tournament.

Regarding your specific responsibilities, he mentioned that you would be sending information on the Tournament games to the parishes and chapters of the Diocese very soon. The following suggestions may be of assistance:

+++ Enclosed is a revised listing of chapters with some form of organization. Use this listing for mailing and telephone purposes.

+++ The Tournament is open to all parishes of the Diocese, regardless of whether they presently have an operating ACYOA Chapter, as you know. This is especially significant when you telephone each pastor and ask them to encourage the young men and women of the parish to participate. There are no age restrictions, and teams need not be formal or regularly playing in leagues. The primary purpose of the Tournament is for the young adults of the parish to come together and play some basketball - men and women.

+++ It is highly suggested that you concentrate your telephone efforts on the parishes of the New England and New York-New Jersey areas. It is not unrealistic to expect at least 12-16 teams from these parishes along. Telephone calls and the "personal" touch is needed to both the chapter chairmen/coaches and the pastors.

If you have any questions or problems, please do be in touch. It appears that we can all anticipate a well planned weekend for the Tournament.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate
Chpt. Chrmn.
Hst. Comm. Chrm.

23 May 85

MESROB KERMIAN

Director of Operations
Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Dear Mr. Kermian,

This is to confirm our arrangements relative to the ACYOA Armenian Studies Program - "Educational Tour to Armenia" - Luncheon and Orientation. June 19th.

Arrival: Participants will begin arriving in the morning of June 19th, according to their personal arrangements from home. Usually Room #10 is provided for their luggage to be stored for the day. They will be instructed to enter through the Second Avenue entrance to the auditorium. Since there is usually a doorman on duty, a handout will be provided for the participants on what they should do.

Luncheon: At 12:30, a luncheon will be served for the participants. We expect 19 participants at this time, along with a hand-full of parents, the total should be about 25. Due to budget restrictions, the type of food prepared by the Diocesan Kitchen should not exceed a cost of \$4.00 per person. pr

Orientation: During and following the luncheon, explanations and discussion on the trip will take place in the same meeting room ("H" Hall - off the kitchen).

Cathedral Complex Tour: At 2:15, the group is given a tour of the Complex, ending in the Tahleej. Please arrange to have someone familiar with the Cathedral and its significance as a place of worship ready to lead the tour. (Include the bookstore.)

Reception with Primate: As the tour ends, the group is received by the Primate who will address them and instruct them of his expectations. Following this, group photographs are taken and the group departs for the airport at 4 p.m. sharp.

The Coordinator of the Kitchen facilities and the Center Manager have been informed as to the above needs, however, kindly confirm the details with them.

If there are any additional needs, I shall inform you immediately. Thank you for your assistance with these important details.

Sincerely,

15 May 85

ED COLOYAN
Coloyan Travel Service
379 Trapelo Road - P.O.B. 158
Belmont, MA 02178

Dear Mr. Coloyan,

The following person requested information on the July Trip to Armenia. Please forward cost and itinerary, and any other information she may use to make her decision. We have no commitments with regard to this trip this year. (She also mentioned any other trips, in the fall, as well.)

At your earliest convenience, please send a bill relative to our cost of the "Educational Tour to Armenia" for the ACYOA. Also, please send a complete itinerary, with flight numbers, times, hotel, etc., etc. with details, so that this information can be given to the participants.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

Send July and Fall trip info to:

MARY ASLANIAN
P.O.B. 501
Dearborn, MI 48121

14 May 85

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

Dear Mr. Kermian,

At your earliest convenience, please forward a copy of the notice in regard to the increase in the Diocesan Medical Plan. The salary check of April 30 was less than usual, and in speaking to Mr. Gallagher, he informed that an increase had occurred.

Also, with reference to the enclosed partial copy of a poster prepared for the 70th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915, please forward any notice or directive relative to the use of this type of phraseology on the part of the Diocese or its departments. I would have liked to have used such terms in ACYOA related public relations.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate

13 May 85

ARDA NAZERIAN
Chairman - ACYOA Central Council
186-39 Midland Parkway
Jamaica Estates, NY 11432

Dear Arda,

As we have discussed concerning the operations and persons of the ACYOA Central Council, and with some serious concern, kindly forward the following information as **soon as possible**.

1. Are Susan Boyajian and George Jevartjian intending to fulfill their obligations and responsibilities as Council Members, through the Assembly in Worcester?
2. Are they planning to resign?
3. Is Susan planning to complete her second year?
4. Do we have capable people to take their positions, or do we have people to take some of the individual responsibilities and duties?

It is discourteous and unfair to those Council members who are trying to accomplish something if this situation is allowed to continue. There are many things to do before and during the Assembly, as well as a great need to increase contact with the Chapters during the summer months. This is especially true in light of discussion to make certain important Constitutional amendments.

As mentioned above, kindly attend these aforementioned points as **soon as possible**. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

13 May 85

ARDA NAZERIAN
Chairman - ACYOA Central Council
186-39 Midland Parkway
Jamaica Estates, NY 11432

Dear Arda,

In reference to two items the Council has concerned itself with, namely, (1) membership incentives, and (2) National Organizational restructuring, it is strongly suggested that they be addressed in terms of ACYOA Constitutional Amendments for the coming Assembly in Worcester.

While the Council itself could direct certain procedures for membership incentive(s), the procedures would have more impact and meaning if it was built into the Constitution. Properly presented, it should easily gain acceptance and pass.

The restructuring idea has surfaced from time to time, and such proposals have been presented to the Diocese over the past three years. Again, however, if the ACYOA Assembly were to vote on a proposal to restructure (at least on the national level) its impact would be greater, and the members and delegates would assume some "ownership". The Primate has the authority to take action and direct the Organizations of the Diocese according to their need and priority. However, His Eminence has made it clear on several occasions that, in the case of the ACYOA, there is a mechanism within which reasonable change can be initiated. As you know, any and all Constitutional Amendments and proposals, once passed by the ACYOA Assembly, are in need of approval by the Primate.

This should serve to clear up any questions on procedure and propriety. Regarding your request to meet with the Primate, I shall be in touch with you shortly on this.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate

7 May 85

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

Dear Shake,

Kindly prepare a thank you letter and an honorarium for our speaker invited for the 1985 ACYOA Leadership Seminar.

If you need assistance with the letter, please call.

The honorarium should be \$50.00. You may state in the letter that it is for Brother John, however, should he not wish to accept it, he may consider it a donation to his Youth Ministry Program.

This should be done as soon as you can.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

P.S. Hope your vacation in the south was as good as it sounds.

c.c. Council Chairman

7 May 85

SOUREN TASHJIAN
3 Desmond Avenue
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Mr. Tashjian,

Salpi Vanerian and Nancy Nigohosian have been selected to participate in the ACYOA Armenian Studies Program, Educational Tour to Armenia.

It should be noted that an **incomplete** application was received from Ovsanna Torossian, and, Lisa Gennetian is **ineligible** to apply this year. As stated to you in the past, the application process **must** be followed, and, all applicants must be ACYOA members - 18 years of age or High School graduates by June.

Please keep these points in mind in the future. Thank you.

We appreciate your efforts in promoting this ACYOA Program to your students.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

7 May 85

REV. FR. ARSEN BARSAMIAN
Group Leader - Educational Tour to Armenia
ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs
705 Westriver Drive
Richmond, VA 23229

Rev. Father Arsen:

It was a pleasure to see you during the Diocesan Assembly in Bayside, N.Y.

As we discussed, Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian has some participant evaluation forms that you might find interesting to review. He said he would forward them to you - it is suggested that you follow up on this. The evaluation forms, along with the reports and materials you were given should all be returned as soon as you can. They are all part of the permanent reference file and must be kept complete. Thank you for your cooperation on this.

Enclosed is a most recent mailing to the participants of the **Educational Tour to Armenia**. It is customary for the Group Leader to write a letter of introduction to the participants, prior to the orientation program at the Diocese, June 19th. Enclosed is a list of the ACYOA Participants. At this time, Fr. Nersess Jebejian has not completed his listing of participants (4 so far).

As mentioned in the enclosed letter, a complete itinerary, the Handbook to Armenia, and directions to the Diocesan Center will be mailed to the participants in early June.

If you have any additional questions, please be in touch.

Stay well and rest up for a most memorable trip!

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

cc. Primate

enclosures.

7 May 85

SANDRA MEHTERIAN
1445 Waverly
San Marino, CA 91108

Dear Sandra,

Enclosed you will find the latest materials regarding the Armenian Studies Programs for this year. These were sent to David Madajian today.

As stated in the enclosed letter, there will be one additional mailing, a copy of which will be sent to you as well.

Stay well.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

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6 May 86

REV. FR. NERSESS JEBEJIAN
Armenian Choir Association
3419 Golders Green Drive
Houston, TX 77082

RE: Educational Tour to Armenia

Rev. Father Nersess:

The enclosed letters and information sheets were mailed to the ACYOA participants in the Educational Tour to Armenia today. Please review them and ensure that the Choir Association participants also comply with all requests and needs. You may duplicate and send to your participants, or inform and we shall send accordingly.

As discussed with you today, you shall inform no later than May 15th on the final list of Choir participants. You shall also forward \$1266.00 per person (twin).

As was explained some months ago, the Group Leader costs and expenses are included in our cost per person - \$1,500.00. This comes to approximately \$80.00 per person. In addition, the Handbook to Armenia is given to each participant - at a cost of about \$4.00 each. These costs are contained in the \$1,500.00 we charge, but since you are only paying \$1,266.00 each, where shall we recover these costs? I would suggest that you add approximately \$85.00 per person to your per person cost to the ACYOA. In this way, the accommodation of the Choir participants will not be an expense to the ACYOA. (If you would like an exact figure for the above, it can be provided, and is related to the total number of group participants.)

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Respectfully,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate

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1 May 85

MARK KASHGEGIAN
Chairman - Host Committee
1985 Archbishop's Basketball Tourney
29 Jason Road
Belmont, MA 02178

Dear Mark,

By this time, almost all aspects of the Archbishop's Basketball Tournament should be well in hand and most details finalized. Enclosed, you will find the **Outline for Final Report** for the Host Committee to follow in preparing the Report on the Tournament.

On April 25th, I recieved in the mail a bulk rate mailing containing a flyer and information regarding Parish/team registration. While this information was general enough for the casual participant, it did contain deadlines for the team participants. In particular, a deadline of April 26th to take advantage of the regular team fee (\$100. vs. \$150.). I assume that this letter with such vital information was sent first class to all parishes and respective ACYOA Chapters/Chairmen/Athletic Directors/Coaches/etc. I also assume that this was done with plenty of notice (although I think April 26th is too far in advance). However, I did not receive such a first class postage copy, and therefore could not respond to inquiry, only to say that more updated information would be coming soon. In addition, no one in Lowell/Chelmsford mentioned the material with such dates, nor our need to quickly make a decision regarding team participation.

Please clarify the above, and state "deadlines" and how you arrived at them.

If you have any questions regarding the **Outline** enclosed, please do be in touch. I would assume that you will have at least one more meeting of the Host Committee before the Weekend - please be in touch before you set the date, as I would like to attend.

Stay well and take care of yourself.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary ACYOA

29 May 85

KEVIN GIRAGOSIAN
GARY HOVHANESSIAN
HAIG-ARAM TOSSOUNIAN
VAUGHAN TOTOVIAN
Former Chairmen of Host Committees
ACYOA National Sports Weekend

Gentlemen:

You have been chosen to collaborate in the production of a guidebook for ACYOA chapters interested in hosting the ACYOA General Assembly & National Sports Weekend. Your previous experience and effort in chairing the host committee is needed to continue the steady improvement of this popular ACYOA Program.

Your selection is not based on any particulars of your respective host year, although each of you provided a certain improvement, perspective, and touch all your own. Your personal track record and dedication as a member of the Church and ACYOA was a significant consideration as well. Therefore, it is asked that you accept this selection and offer whatever insights and assistance you can to make the guidebook a usable and meaningful resource for the future.

The guidebook is not to be a lengthy thesis on every detail of the event. Rather, it will be a general over-view of the basics - from considering to host, through the final report. Enclosed is a very basic outline which includes the areas that must be addressed in short or at length. You may notice an important area not included or some that may be deleted.

What is asked of you is to take this outline and expand on each heading - in an outline form. However, if you wish to fully expand upon it, feel free to do so. What is important is your perspective and input - highlighting the things that you felt were important. You need not mention what particulars you chose to do, and how you would do it now - just provide what those in the future should consider and do for the best results. After this, a first draft will be sent to you for a quick review before the final copy is made. You will receive a copy of the final guidebook.

Thank you very much for your cooperation. It is hoped that your schedule will allow you to participate in this important preparation. Kindly respond as soon as possible. As work progresses, of course we shall be in touch. Naturally, this guidebook is needed immediately.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND

HOST'S GUIDE OUTLINE

1. Brief introduction
2. Table of Contents
3. Basic makeup of the Assembly/Weekend - itinerary/format
4. Deciding to bid and host the event.
5. Facilities needed - selection - things to look for.
6. Preparing the bid - Assembly presentation.
7. Organizing the resources for the parish.
8. Organizing the Chapter membership. Needed committees, coordinators, etc.
9. Securing facilities.
10. Preparing the public relations materials - dissemination, etc.
11. Communicating with Parish Council and ACYOA.
12. Rules and Regulations of the Weekend.
13. Protocol.
14. Athletic considerations.
15. Breakdown of the major parts of the Assembly & Weekend;
Meetings, socials, registrations, Friday evening, Saturday sports, Sat. evening,
Sunday morning, Sunday Sports, Sun. evening, Monday.
16. Records.
17. Setting costs.
18. Yearbook.
19. Chronology of the 12 months prior to Weekend.
20. Transportation, food, ticket takers, guides, incidentals, etc.
21. Dealing with hotels, caterers, printers, souvenir makers, transportation people,
clergy, out-of-town-guests, school facilities, sports officials, volunteer adults
and young people, merchants in the community, etc.
22. OTHER(S)



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

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

8 July 85

Arda Nazerian
Chairman - ACYOA Central Council
186-39 Midland Parkway
Jamaica Estates, NY 11432

Dear Arda,

This is just a reminder that both the Nominating and Auditing Committees should be contacted and their progress reviewed in light of the upcoming Assembly. As you know, the Auditing Committee is to review the books of the previous National Sports Weekend, Archbishop's Tournament and the Armenian Studies Programs, as well any official regional programs that may have taken place. This should be done as convenient as possible given the general geographic circumstances.

The Nominating Committee needs to know the vacancies on the Council, as well as fill the spots on the Nominating and Auditing Committees for next year. Please inform on your progress.

In addition, please respond to the letter sent to you on May 13th. Thanks.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting this Friday evening.

Stay well.

Sincerely,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate



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26 June 85

REV. FR. NERSESS JEBEJIAN
Coordinator - Armenia Trip
Choir Association
3211 Synott Road - Houston, TX 77082

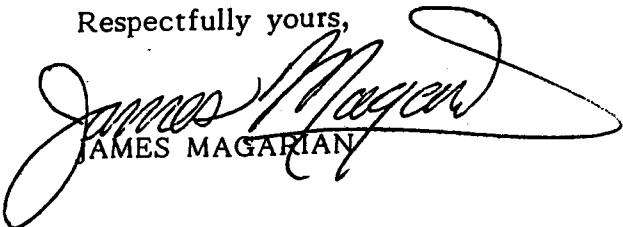
Rev. Father Nersess:

This is a reminder that the Choir Association has an outstanding balance due the ACYOA Armenian Studies Program 1985 of \$310.00. A breakdown of this amount was provided on a letter of June 4th.

Kindly remit today so that we may close our records for 1985.

Thank you for your prompt attention on this.

Respectfully yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN

HOW DOES ONE
COLLECT?

c.c. Primate

4 June 85

REV. FR. NERSESS JEBEJIAN
Coordinator - Armenian Trip
Choir Association
3211 Synott Road - Houston, TX 77082

Rev. Father Nerses:

The payment for the three Choir Association participants in the Educational Tour to Armenia was received June 3rd. Although this is quite late, the necessary arrangements should be secured shortly. The three participants are: Daryl Vatabedian, Dzaghig Kelekian, and Norman Odabashian. (Enclosed for your files is a copy of Odabashian's application form.)

Regarding a past correspondence and telephone conversation about additional costs that are covered by participant fees, the following is now due:

4 copies of <u>Handbook to Armenia</u> @ \$4. each (3 participant and one for yourself as per your request.)	\$ 16.00
Luncheon/orientation @ \$5. ea.	15.00
Bus to JFK from Diocese @ \$8. ea.	24.00
Group Leader Expense @ \$85. ea.	255.00
Total due	<u>\$310.00</u>

Please do not delay in sending this final figure, as we should like to close the file on this Program as soon as possible. Also, any related expenses you may have incurred, please send the receipts for reimbursement. This too should be send as soon as possible.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

Enclosure: Odabashian application, one Handbook with itinerary.

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

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

26 June 85

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

This is to confirm our meeting for the weekend of July 13th, at the Diocesan Center in New York City.

Our time will mainly involve two important items:

- 1 - Preparation for the ACYOA General Assembly.
- 2 - Preparation of proposal(s) involving restructuring the administration of ACYOA.

More information and an agenda will be forwarded to you by the Council Chairman shortly.

Keep in mind that you should be in touch with your respective chapters/parishes with regard to the mailing of materials and administrative forms. Also, you should be prepared to nominate a chapter from your region for the ACYOA Chapter "A" Award and Honorable Mention.

After addressing and completing our discussion on the above mentioned items, other items of importance may be addressed if time permits.

Looking forward to your positive participation. Have a safe trip to New York City.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

26 June 85

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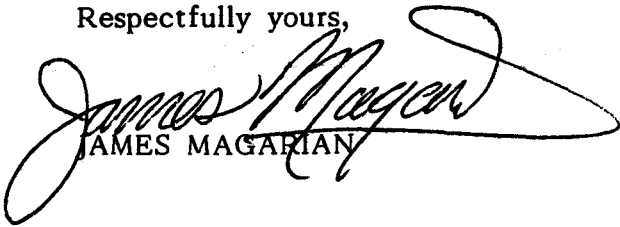
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Thank you for your prompt attention on this.

Respectfully yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate

7 JUNE 85

REV.FR. ARSEN BARSAMIAN
Group Leader - ASP #1
705 Westriver Drive
Richmond, Va 23229

Rev. Father Arsen,

Enclosed you will find the application forms of the participants in the Armenia tour. It is suggested that you review these to become somewhat familiar with the various participants and their backgrounds.

Please bring these forms with you and give them to me in New York on June 19th.

The Primate has been informed of your request regarding the priest in Moscow.

Two of the participants, Ari and Lori Minasian, will be departing from the program early. This exception has been allowed.

Also, two other participants, Kevin Giragosian and John Valdezian, will depart from the group in Paris on the return. A copy of Giragosian's waiver letter is enclosed. This exception has also been allowed. Valdezian will also send a waiver letter soon.

You mentioned that you will be sending the receipt for your ticket to New York City soon. Please do this soon so that a check can be sent to you.

Looking forward to seeing you in New York City on June 19th. Please be in touch with any questions.

Respectfully,

JAMES MAGARIAN

enclosures.

7 June 85

ARDA NAZERIAN
Chairman - ACYOA Central Council
186-39 Midland Parkway
Jamaica Estates, NY 11432

Dear Arda,

As you know, the ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs **Educational Tour to Armenia** will take place June 19 through July 20th.

As is the custom, the group will meet at St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral on the day of departure at 12 noon.

A luncheon, orientation, tour of the Cathedral Complex and a reception with the Primate. If you are available, it would be nice for the ACYOA Central Council Chairman to make a few welcoming remarks to the group and wish them a safe trip to Armenia.

If you are able to join us, please inform. Thank you.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

7 June 85

His Eminence
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Ave. - N.Y.C., NY 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

Enclosed for reference purposes are materials related to the ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs - Educational Tour to Armenia. These have been mailed to the participants in anticipation of the June 19th departure.

Your Eminence should be advised on the following:

1. Father Arsen Barsamian has asked that the Armenian priest in Moscow be informed of the group's arrival in Moscow so that he may assist with customs, and other official interaction with Intourist, et. al. The group will arrive in Moscow on Thursday, June 20th - see blue sheet for complete itinerary.
2. The attached sheets were mailed to all participants, Fr. Arsen and Fr. Nersess along with a Handbook to Armenia. This year marks the depletion of the original printing of the Handbook. It should now be revised and prepared for next year.
3. Participants Kevin Giragosian (Palos Heights) and John Yaldezian (California) were originally planned to tour Europe together this summer. I contacted them and talked them into participating in the Armenia trip - they were the 18th and 19th group members. However, they also desired to see Europe after the program, departing from the group at the stop over in Paris (see itinerary, July 19th). I told them that this is not encouraged due to past experiences. They insisted that they were "old enough" (both mid-to-late 20's). I said they would have to send a "waiver" letter, divesting the ACYOA and Church of any responsibility to their safety and well-being after they departed from the group. They agreed. A copy of Giragosian's letter is enclosed. Yaldezian will send his letter soon. A copy has also been sent to Fr. Arsen.
4. The group is to be received by the Primate at approximately 3 pm on Wednesday, June 19th following a luncheon, orientation session and a Tour of the Cathedral Complex. Group photos will be taken prior to departure at 3:45 pm.
5. As is the custom, upon arrival in Yerevan, the Group Leader will send a telegram to the Primate informing them of a safe arrival. Parents are instructed to call

the Diocese during regular business hours to learn of the group's safe arrival. (See yellow sheet, number 6.) However, in the past, when a parent would call, no one would have any idea of what to say, or, if any telegram had been received. It is suggested that the receptionist, or someone in particular, be informed and appointed to handle these few telephone calls.

6. It is suggested that in future years, the ACYOA and Choir Association programs not be mixed and take place during the same time. I was reviewing the applications of the Choir Association participants, and one (Vartabedian) is below the minimum age set by the ACYOA Program. Apparently, the Choir Association does not have a minimum age rule. Moreover, it appears that the Choir Association might be more successful if they tried their program once every 3 to 5 years and really promoted it as a major event. On the subject of "promotions", although we didn't publicize the ACYOA trip as much as in past years due to the uncertain status of the trip as a whole and the situation in Armenia, the various newsletters and monthly bulletins of the parishes hardly mentioned this program. All parishes received the information sheets, news releases, etc. of 22 newsletters reviewed, 4 had some mention, article, advertisement. This is hardly a way of promoting this worthwhile program to the youth.

If all goes well, the participants will arrive at the Cathedral on Wednesday, June 19th and begin orientation/luncheon at 12 noon. Perhaps Your Eminence would like to join the group for lunch this year?

Your obedient servant,

JAMES MAGARIAN

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Due to shortage of Handbooks, one was not included here. A copy should be on file with the secretary, as they have been sent to the Primate's Office for the past four years.

4 June 85

CAMPUS COACH LINES
545 5th Avenue - Room 500
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10017

Attn. Frank

This is to confirm and remit payment for a bus on June 19th, 1985, at 4 p.m. from 630 Second Avenue and 34th Street - Diocese of the Armenian Church - to JFK International Airport for 20 passengers.

As discussed, the bus should be parked at the northeast corner of 34th and Second Avenue. Passengers with luggage will board from the sidewalk.

Please return a paid receipt.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

Diocesan Office - 686-0710
Field Office - 617-256-7234
Home - 617-649-6875

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4 June 85

REV. FR. NERSESS JEBEJIAN
Coordinator - Armenian Trip
Choir Association
3211 Synott Road - Houston, TX 77082

Rev. Father Ner~~se~~s:

The payment for the three Choir Association participants in the **Educational Tour to Armenia** was received June 3rd. Although this is quite late, the necessary arrangements should be secured shortly. The three participants are: Daryl Vatabedian, Dzaghig Kelekian, and Norman Odabashian. (Enclosed for your files is a copy of Odabashian's application form.)

Regarding a past correspondence and telephone conversation about additional costs that are covered by participant fees, the following is now due:

4 copies of <u>Handbook to Armenia</u> @ \$4. each (3 participant and one for yourself as per your request.)	\$ 16.00
Luncheon/orientation @ \$5. ea.	15.00
Bus to JFK from Diocese @ \$8. ea.	24.00
Group Leader Expense @ \$85. ea.	255.00
Total due	<u>\$310.00</u>

Please do not delay in sending this final figure, as we should like to close the file on this Program as soon as possible. Also, any related expenses you may have incurred, please send the receipts for reimbursement. This too should be send as soon as possible.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

Enclosure: Odabashian application, one Handbook with itinerary.

c.c. Priante



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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

17 February 86

Chapter Chairmen
New England Region
ACYOA

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Sincerely,


JAMES MAGARIAN

27 February 86

DIANE KAPIKIAN
Chairman - Host Committee
1986 ACYOA
Archbishop's Basketball Tournament
167-23 65th Avenue
Flushing, NY 11365

Dear Diane,

It was a pleasure to meet with you and have the luxury of sit and discuss mutual concerns. Realizing the situation you're involved with, your efforts are very important and go a long way in keeping the Bayside Chapter operating. Keep it up - it is well noted.

Enclosed is a flyer which I have drafted as promised. You will also notice a "sample" which is how it should turn out. Remember, you must affix the bulk rate stamp and number of your church, along with the return address of your church as well in their appropriate places.

Your printer should understand how the flyer is to be folded so that the side for the mailing label works out correctly.

In speaking with Shake, she said she will provide the mailing labels of your region. In addition, I would strongly urge you to send this flyer to all members of your parish, and other parishes as well. You cannot "over-publicize" - and as you said, money from dance tickets is money in our pocket. I would further suggest that each parish of the region be contacted and asked to include this flyer, or a reduced version, in their parish newsletter or some mailing that they will be doing soon.

As an after thought, I also think you might try to publicize the reduced room rate as an added incentive.

I have informed Father Khajag Barsamian of the need for the Primate's message for the booklet.

Stay well and please do stay in touch.

JAMES MACARIAN



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Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

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17 March 86

CHAIRMEN
ACYOA Chapters

Dear Chapter Chairmen,

This is to keep you informed regarding the **1986 ACYOA Leadership Seminar**, held in conjunction with the Annual Diocesan Assembly, Saturday, May 3rd. (Racine, WI)

As previously mentioned, this year's program will be combined with the Department of Religious Education. A most impressive schedule of topics and speakers will present issues, problems and concerns to the participants, who will in turn be invited to join in discussions.

Under the heading: **The Armenian Church Today: Christian Life - Christian Decisions**, the following topics will be addressed at length: vocation, worship, morality; with the participation of: Dr. Vigen Guroian, Professor of Theology and Ethics, Loyala University (Baltimore), and V.Rev.Frs. Ghevont Samoorian, Haigazoun Melkonian, and the Rev. Frs. Arten Ashjian, Garen Gdanian, Vertanes Kalayjian, Dajad Davidian, Karekin Kasparian and Yeprem Kelegian.

A complete, detailed itinerary and schedule will be forthcoming so that you and your chapter members can make plans accordingly.

Prior to the formal seminar partially described above, a meeting will be held to discuss ACYOA topics and programs. All young adults are invited to the day's events.

Enclosed is your official ACYOA 40th Anniversary souvenir pen. This limited edition fine writing instrument is presented to you as a leader of the ACYOA in your parish. While others may duplicate this souvenir of the 1986 40th ACYOA Anniversary, know that you have an original.

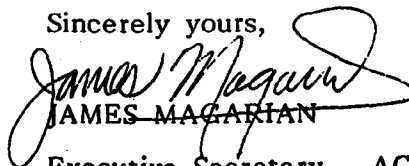
As we approach the Palm Sunday - Holy Week - Easter period, you are urged to attend and participate in the many meaningful and beautiful worship services of our Church. Indeed, as a youth leader, you should of course encourage the members of your chapter, as well as all young adults from your parish, to join you at these most significant holy days of the Armenian Church year.

May you join your entire parish family in celebrating the good news that Christ is Risen from the dead, and through His Resurrection on Easter, we may indeed be blessed with eternal life.



c.c. Pastor

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MACARIAN

Executive Secretary - ACYOA

Central Council

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America 630 Second Avenue New York, N. Y. 10016 (212) 686-0710

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

17 March 86

PASTORS
Armenian Church Parishes

Dear Pastors,

Again this year we are inviting young people from across the Diocese to participate in the ACYOA Leadership Seminar planned for May 3rd at the Diocesan Assembly site. As mentioned in other correspondence, the day's program will be in cooperation with the Department of Religious Education, and the planned schedule of contemporary topics presented in panel and discussion format.

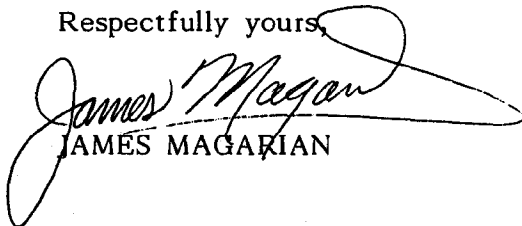
It is important for young adults to participate and be exposed to these meaningful and educational-type programs. To this end, it is requested that each parish consider investing in their young people via underwriting part or all of the costs in sending one or more to participate and experience the program.

Wise investments of parish time and money in their young people can only result in a positive return in the future. In preparing for the future, the steps taken today with regard to young people must be considered as a vital part of parish life.

A more detailed itinerary regarding the program will be forthcoming. Kindly promote participation, and where possible, make available funds for interested young people who might not be able to attend otherwise.

Thank you for your serious attention on this.

Respectfully yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN



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13 March 86

SUSAN MOUSIGIAN
Technican Computer Services, INC.
1407 Fairway Court
Dearborn, MI 48124

Dear Susan,

Enclosed are several items for inclusion in the computerized mailing list of the ACYOA.

- #1. Corrections, changes.....for the Seniors Listing. You may do these when you can.
- #2. Listing of Junior Chapters. Since the "bluebook" directory was published, many, many changes are needed. Nancy Basmajian suggested that rather than try to "correct" the previous list, this new listing should be used exclusively for the Juniors. She would like these entered as soon as possible - with an alphabetized list on paper, as well as a zip-code order list on labels - sent to her as soon as possible as well.
- #3. List of Diocesan Delegates. This should be included on both the Seniors and Juniors listings.
- #4. List of Parish Council Chairmen. This should be included on both the Seniors and Juniors Listings.
- #5 & 6. Special lists - S.S. Superintendents and Misc. These should be included on the Juniors Listing only.

If there are any questions, please do be in touch so that nothing is left as "assumed" by either you or I.

Hope all is well with you and Mike. May the blessings of blessings of Easter be with you both. Stay well.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

12

March

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EDITOR
ARMENIAN REPORTER
P.O.B. 488
Flushing, NY 11352

Dear Mr. Editor,

Enclosed you will find a poster concerning the 40th Anniversary of the ACYOA.

We should like to run this as an ad in the very next issue of the Reporter. We also intend to run it again in July and again in September, changing the center section which presently reads "ACYOA Day".

However, since a full page ad is beyond our budget, could you please reduce the size of the ad to accommodate \$150.00. Kindly bill "ACYOA Seniors" - attention Mr. James Magarian. Thank you.

On another subject, we are considering promoting the reading of Armenian books and periodicals. This would include subscriptions to Armenian newspapers. To this end, if you are interested in offering a "reduced" subscription rate for ACYOA members, perhaps with an introductory free copy, please be in touch. We should like to include such an offering in our promotional materials, including our bi-monthly newsletter.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

enclosure

Respond to:

99 Long Pond Road

10 March 86

JOHN APKARIAN
Chairman - Gr. Lowell ACYOA
4 Dow Street
Methuen, MA 01844

Dear John,

After our phone conversation earlier today, I had a few ideas for your ACYOA Day Banquet:

1. Give carnations out to all alumni and current members.
2. Have an anniversary cake - 5 separate cakes spelling out A-C-Y-O-A - placed in front of the head-table.
3. Anniversary Candle lighting: For the Cake....have 40 taper candles ready.....donors give \$10.00 per to light a candle on the cake - it's a fast \$400.00 profit. Use cake for dessert with ice cream.
4. Have two speakers - one a current member/youth talking about the importance of ACYOA.....the other an alumni to speak about the "good'ole days" of the Lowell Chapter. Speak to Irene Guregian for ideas.
5. You should speak about current needs and goals - 3-4 minutes.
6. Ask Hayr Soorp to speak about past successes and need for a young adult group now and for the future.

John, it's really very late for this type of planning. It's up to you to mobilize very quickly your needed committee:

setup - cooking - serving - cleaning - program - special affects.;

Take care and keep in touch.

Sincerely,,

4 April 86

MELINA SPINUZZA
ACYOA Central Council Treasurer
3467 Whirlaway Drive
Northbrook, IL 60062

Dear Melina,

This letter is to clarify that since the cash-flow of the ACYOA National Treasury is less than expected, reimbursements for the Archbishop's Tournament and the Leadership Seminar shall only apply to the Council Member assigned to those Programs. Specifically, Shake Ajamian and yourself respectively. (Since Shake's expenses should be minimal, and the changed format for the Seminar will result in minimal costs, we should be well below the respective budgets of \$500 and \$300.)

You are urged to prepare a "budgeted" and "actual" balance sheet regarding our financial situation for the next Council meeting. This need not be precise, but reflect figures that will allow all Council members to know the situation.

A couple of Council members have indicated that they have not been reimbursed for their expenses of late. If they are following proper procedures, and, if their expenses are legitimate and within the guidelines, there should be no reason for any delay. (Unless of course there is no money!) If there is a question regarding reimbursements, you should immediately discuss with the Council Chairman the question. If this does not resolve it, you should then consult the Executive Secretary. In any case, you must inform the person if there is to be a delay for any reason. This is common courtesy and should not be taken as questioning someone's trust.

The next Executive Update will be prepared and mailed in late April. If you anticipate a shortage of funds to cover this (about \$800, not including postage which comes from the Exec. Sec. budget) please inform immediately.

If there is any reason to believe that Council members will "show up" at the Tournament or Seminar and expect reimbursement, you should inform them ahead of time of the aforementioned.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Vicar General
Council Chairman

4 April 86

OVSANNA TOROSSIAN
199 Arsenal Street
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Ovsanna,

Thank you for your interest in the ACYOA Armenian Studies Program "Educational Tour to Armenia".

At this time your application to the Program is incomplete. Your form is in good order, however, you did not include the required \$500.00 deposit or your current valid passport (you did not explain why you didn't include these needed items). These are necessary for your application to be complete and processed.

We noticed that you are in the eleventh grade, and will be only 17 years old this summer. In your case (and others who are under age and ineligible for ACYOA Senior membership) after your completed application has been received, you will be placed on a waiting list. If all places are not filled, we then take those applicants from the waiting list.

If you have any further questions, please do be in touch. (617-256-7234)

Hope to hear from your soon.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

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3 April 86

V. REV. FR. KHAJAG BARSAMIAN
Vicar General - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue
NYC., N.Y. 10016-4885

V. REV. FATHER KHAJAG:

As per our discussions regarding a new ACYOA Program, enclosed you will find an initial OUTLINE for ACYOA Summer Task Force at the Diocese. A suggested application form is also enclosed.

Regarding costs, it is suggested that a stipend be provided for each participant at \$75.00 per week. This works out to \$6,000 if ten participants were selected. This does not include costs for lodging and meals, and, the necessary amount of your time needed to coordinate the Program (planning and execution).

There are many pluses to this idea, and we should endeavor to seek out avenues to make it a possible opportunity for those young adults who can afford not to spend the summer working to pay for school, etc.

Please make the necessary changes and inform accordingly. The promotion for this proposed program must be included in the May issue of the Executive Update. Perhaps you could give me your final outline on Friday, April 11th. I shall be at the Diocese that afternoon.

Respectfully,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate

31 March 86

LISA ANOUSH GENNETIAN
98 Lovell Road
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Lisa,

Please be advised that your application for participation in the ACYOA Armenian Studies Program "Educational Tour to Armenia" is not complete.

To complete your application, you must include your current valid passpart, (your note indicating that you have one is insufficient) as well as your deposit for \$500.00. These requirements are stated quite clearly on the application form, which is enclosed herewith.

Your note also states that you are applying in accordance with the scholarship at Watertown High School, probably advised by Mr. Souren Tashjian. He has been informed a number of times of the proper way to apply, and should have advised you accordingly. To keep all applications fair and equal, the same requirements are requested of all prospective participants.

Your application looks very good, especially the recommendation of your Pastor.

Please re-apply as soon as possible before the limited number of spaces for the tour fill up.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

ACYOA- ASP #1
99 Long Pond Road
Tyngsborough, MA 01879

c.c. Souren Tashjian

25 March 86

LISA AKGULIAN
Workshops Committee Chairman
St. Mesrob Armenian Church
4605 Erie Street
Racine, WI 53402

Dear Lisa,

Thank you for your nice letter regarding the upcoming Diocesan Assembly to be hosted by your parish. Judging by what you said, it appears that you have everything well in hand to keep things organized and running smoothly for the many participants at the Saturday programs.

We are doing something a little different this year. After an initial "meeting" with the young adults of the ACYOA Seniors, the group will join the Department of Religious Education and their itinerary of panel discussions (see enclosed flyer). Our intention is to include a young adult perspective in the discussion of the various topics to be presented.

Thus, what we need is a meeting room for about 20-25 (maximum) from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. I realize that you have scheduled the opening for 9:30 am, however we would like to begin earlier if possible. If not, we will adjust.

The number of young people who will attend the lunch is a question at this time. I assume that you will request a count Saturday morning.

If you need anything else, please do be in touch. Good luck in your planning.

May the coming celebration of the Great Resurrection of our Lord be a time of joy and happiness for you and your family. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

25 March 86

REV. FR. VERTANES KALAYJIAN
Group Leader - ASP 1986
"Educational Tour to Armenia"
5024 Battic Avenue
Rockville, MD 20853

Rev. Father Vertanes:

It was a pleasure to learn of your appointment as Group Leader for the 1986 ACYOA Armenian Studies Program - "Educational Tour to Armenia". As in 1984, your dedication and enthusiasm will again provide a most memorable program for the participants this coming summer.

At this time, I am planning to be in Washington on the weekend of May 16/17/18 and would like to accomplish the following: (1) Meet with you and review the plans for the tour (participants, program, itinerary, loose ends) (2) Meet with Ed Onanian of the Diocesan Council to discuss youth concerns. Perhaps a very small group of concerned individuals, including yourself, could gather together informally to discuss issues (we can go over details later). (3) Meet with the young adults of your parish who make up the Senior ACYOA group. This would be a brief session to give ideas, discuss programming and their involvement on the regional and national levels.

The Handbook to Armenia is in the midst of minor revision. Since you are leading the Group, and since you will lead again this year, any additional information, updating of information, corrections, etc. (without re-doing the entire book) would be most welcomed. Please send before May 1st.

It will be nice to work with you again this year, Der Hayr. May the joys of Easter and the celebration of the Great Resurrection be with you. I look forward to hearing from you.

STay well.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

25 March 86

V.REV.FR. SHNORK KASPARIAN
Pastor - Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church
400 Huntwood Road
Belleville, IL 62221

V.Rev. Father Shnork:

It was very nice to talk with you last week. I can remember when you were the Pastor in Worcester years ago when we held regional ACYOA conferences and weekends there, and you were always willing to assist where and when possible.

I do hope that you received the ACYOA emblems in time for your dinner last Sunday. It's good to know that although your parish can't support a group at the present, there is interest and concern, and perhaps most importantly, your parish is talking about youth, the ACYOA and thus celebrated last Sunday.

As we had discussed, I do hope that you are able to write a short article, essay, or thought-provoking peice for the ACYOA Executive Update. It is good for the young adults of our Diocese to hear from their priests on contemporary, controversial, historical, and meaningful subjects.

Please send your article before April 10th. Thank you again.

May the Holy Resurrection of our Lord be time of joy and hope for you Hayr Soorp as you continue in your good works. Stay well.

Respectfully,

JAMES MAGARIAN

25 March 86

NISHAN AKGULIAN
1016 Romaine Ave.
Racine, WI 53402

Dear Nishan,

Your application looks good, and there doesn't seem to be any apparent problem with your passage at this time.

Regarding the dates, they seem to accommodate your need to be back at your parish for July 20. At the present, the tentative dates are: Departure from NYC - June 16. Arrival back in NYC - July 19.

Late next month you will receive a confirmation regarding your acceptance into the program.

If you have any other question, please do be in touch. I expect I'll see you during the Diocesan Assembly, God willing.

Stay well and have a most joyous Easter.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

4 April 86

V.REV.FR. KHAJAG BARSAMIAN
Vicar General - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

V. Rev. Father Khajag:

As we had discussed regarding the ACYOA Armenian Studies Program "Educational Tour to Armenia", the enclosed sheet should provide, in brief form, the basic requirements needed.

While in the past we have sent such outlines and briefs to the authorities in Armenian to assist in planning and adding a more formal dimension to our efforts with this important Program of the ACYOA, we really do not have any reason to believe that our requests will be honored. Moreover, the Group will most probably encounter the usual non-professional procedures experienced by past Groups journeying to Armenia.

In any case, the following is submitted for use by our hosts and Mr. Dalakian of Armenia. If more information is necessary, kindly be in touch. You may also wish to confer with Father Vertanes Kalayjian, since he led the Group in 1984.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Group Leader - 1986



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As per our discussion at our last meeting, each Regional Representative was to receive from the Treasurer a list of dues paying members. This information was to be used in establishing which chapters were delinquent in dues payment. This is especially critical in light of the lack of cash-flow in the National Treasury.

Before our next meeting, you should be in touch with each of your parishes and chapters regarding their dues payments. Those who are up to date should be told accordingly, and reminded that they should send in their dues for the 1986-87 year as the new year begins July 1st. Those who are currently delinquent, should be informed of such, and, reminded of the penalty fee that will be attached to their "obligations" before their participation in the Assembly and Sports Weekend competition. High communications is necessary so that we may take in additional revenues, as well as keep everyone informed regarding procedures and penalty fees.

It is suggested that the above and other needs (i.e. new chairmen/contacts) be combined in one telephone call to the parish priest and/or chairman/contact.

Sincerely,


JAMES MAGARIAN

Reminder:

As you speak with your parishes (priests) and chapters (chairmen & contacts), be sure to mention the Archbishop's Tournament, ASP "Educational Tour to Armenia", Leadership Seminar, etc. Experience tells that our programs near and in the future need constant promotion. Your personal touch can mean the difference.

* April 10th:

Deadline for Applications
Armenian Studies Program:
"EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO ARMENIA"

* April 11-13th:

ARCHBISHOP'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
Marriott-LaGuardia Hotel, Flushing, NY

* May 1st:

Dealine for Applications
Armenian Studies Program:
"JOURNEY TO ARMENIA"

* May 3rd:

ACYOA LEADERSHIP SEMINAR
Annual Diocesan Assembly
St. Mesrob Armenian Church, Racine, WI

* June 16th:

Departure for Armenia
ASP - "EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO ARMENIA"

* June 30th:

Departure for Armenia
ASP - "JOURNEY TO ARMENIA"

* July 1st:

ACYOA NEW YEAR - 1986-87

* July 15th:

Final day to pay membership dues
for legitimate participation in the ACYOA
NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND

* July 30th:

Final day for Chapter
ATHLETIC REGISTRATION
Final day for \$10.00 rebate on the
PACKAGE PLAN
Pre-paid in full
NAITONAL SPORTS WEEKEND

* August 27-29th:

ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Adam's Mark Hotel, Philadelphia, PA

* August 29 - September 1st:

ACYOA NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND
Adam's Mark Hotel, Philadelphia, PA

* October 4th:

Midwest Region Celebration
ACYOA 40th ANNIVERSARY

* November 29th:

Mid-Atlantic Region Celebration
ACYOA 40th ANNIVERSARY

* November:

New England Region Celebration
ACYOA 40th ANNIVERSARY





Reminder
4/21/86

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Sincerely,


JAMES MAGARIAN

CONFIRM

21 April 86

DIANE KAPIKIAN
Co-Chairman
1986 Archbishop's Tournament
167-23 65th Avenue
Flushing, NY 11365

Dear Diane,

The following list represents award winning players at this year's Archbishop's Basketball Tournament. Please confirm, check spelling, and add to this list the players and coaches of the men's and women's championship teams:

Sebouh Boyadjian, Watertown I; Hagop Ashjian, Watertown II; Dikran Asadourian, Wynnewood; Steve Sirmaian, Lawrence; Chris Papazian, St. Gregory, NY; Doug Aprahamian, Bayside; Viken Jessourian, Tenafly; Richard Bohajian, Union City; Alice Boudughian, Tenafly; Diane Kapikian and Mia Agabekian, Bayside.
Most Valuable Players - (men) Alex Dedeian, Wynnewood; (women) ???

Men's champion - Wynnewood. (need names of players and coaches)
Women's champion - Tenafly (NNJ.) (need names of players and coaches)

Since special certificates are given to the above individuals, we want the names and parishes to be correct.

You, your co-chairman, and your committee are to be commended for a very well planned and successful Tournament Weekend. Most everything seemed to go off as planned and most satisfactorily.

Stay well.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

10 April 86

Jean Diradourian
Parish Council Liaison - ACYOA Juniors
55 Genesee Street
Hickville, NY 11801

Dear Jean Diradourian,

Thank you for your letter of April 7th requesting ACYOA materials.

Since I shall be coming to your parish for the ACYOA Archbishop's Basketball Tournament tomorrow, I shall bring the following with me:

- + ACYOA promotional Poster
- + Successful Meetings booklet

I shall give these so Diane Kapikian or Shake Ajamian.

If there is anything else we can provide that will assist you in your efforts to guide and direct the ACYOA members of your parish, please do be in touch.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

8 April 86

SAM ARTHIN
BRUCE BALLARD
Directors of Athletics
1986 ACYOA National Sports Weekend
Hosted by the Wynnewood ACYOA Chapter

Dear Sam and Bruce,

As the Directors of Athletics for the 1986 ACYOA National Sports Weekend, hosted by your Chapter, one of your many responsibilities is securing the trophies and awards. These will be presented during the Awards Banquet on Sunday evening of the Weekend, with one of you announcing the 3rd, 2nd and 1st place finishers in each athletic event. As is our custom, the Primate of our Diocese will present each winner with the appropriate award. To this end, to ensure smooth presentations, at least two persons should be assigned to arrange the awards in proper alphabetical order (since all the competitive events are given equal value and recognition) and give the appropriate award to His Eminence for presentation.

Selection of trophies is at your discretion. In the past, we have had various types of trophies, medals, etc. One year, one type and size of trophy was given to the 1st place winner in each event, with the 2nd and 3rd place finishers receiving medals. This was unique and gave proper recognition to all the events' champions. It has also been custom to give a trophy and a medal to the 1st place winner - the trophy is kept by the chapter at the parish, while the winner keeps the medal.

The holders of ACYOA Rotating Trophies for the National Sports Weekend are as follows (winners in 1985):

1. **Babayan Cup** - Montreal - contact Alain Tchaderjian, 4431 Bishop, Peirrefonds, QUE, Canada, H9H 2E3 - 514-626-1345. This is awarded to the Chapter accumulating the most total points via the competitive events. Be sure to understand the "points system" and double-check your tally as each competition closes. This will assist in preparation for the Awards presentations.

2. **John Kulhanjian Memorial Award** - Wisconsin and Palos Heights - contact Gail Giragosian, 8101 West 131st Street, Palos Park, IL 60464 - 312-448-1818. The Chapter recipient for this award is selected by the Athletic Committee, in consultation with referees, and others involved in the competitions. Selection is based on chapter sportsmanship (team and individual events).

3. **Charles Yaghoobian Individual Sportsmanship Award** - Ararat Hacetician (St. Catherines, ONT) Contact Ararat Hacetician, 9 Thillium Crt., Fonthill, ONT L0S 1E0 - 416-892-8910. Selected by the Athletic Committee, in consultation with referees and others involved in the competitions. Selection is based on individual

sportsmanship, either on a team or individual events, or both.

4. **Sam Nersesian Award** - Ron Godoshian (Detroit) Contact Ron Godoshian, 3126 Summer Road, Keego Harbor, MI 48033 - 313-681-9324. Selected by Central Council. Presented by Central Council prior to athletic awards presentations.

5. **Chapter "A" Award** - Watertown - Contact Arthur Sabounjian, Parish Youth Director, c/o St. James Armenian Church, 465 Mount Auburn Street, Watertown, MA 02172 - 617- 923-8860. Selected by Central Council. Presented by Central Council prior to athletic awards presentations.

It is your responsibility to contact the abovementioned recipients to ensure that they either send the trophy, or bring it with them if they are attending the 1986 Weekend. These trophies and awards should be checked to see they are in good condition, and if necessary, cleaned with any ordinary polish. You are urged to contact the past recipients no later than June 1st.

It is suggested that each member of your Committee, as well as your Event Coordinators, understand the General Rules and Regulations for the Athletic Competitions and the point system used. This will ensure smooth functioning, and possibly avoid difficult situations that will require attention.

If you have any questions, please so be in touch. A final meeting between myself and the Host Committee is currently scheduled for sometime in late June. If something demands immediate attention, do not wait for that meeting.

Stay well and good luck with your work.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Pastor
Host Committee Chairmen
Central Council Chairman



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

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

4 April 86

Dear Central Council Members:

As per our discussion at our last meeting, each Regional Representative was to receive from the Treasurer a list of dues paying members. This information was to be used in establishing which chapters were delinquent in dues payment. This is especially critical in light of the lack of cash-flow in the National Treasury.

Before our next meeting, you should be in touch with each of your parishes and chapters regarding their dues payments. Those who are up to date should be told accordingly, and reminded that they should send in their dues for the 1986-87 year as the new year begins July 1st. Those who are currently delinquent, should be informed of such, and, reminded of the penalty fee that will be attached to their "obligations" before their participation in the Assembly and Sports Weekend competition. High communications is necessary so that we may take in additional revenues, as well as keep everyone informed regarding procedures and penalty fees.

It is suggested that the above and other needs (i.e. new chairmen/contacts) be combined in one telephone call to the parish priest and/or chairman/contact.

Sincerely,


JAMES MAGARIAN

Reminder:

As you speak with your parishes (priests) and chapters (chairmen & contacts), be sure to mention the Archbishop's Tournament, ASP "Educational Tour to Armenia", Leadership Seminar, etc. Experience tells that our programs near and in the future need constant promotion. Your personal touch can mean the difference.



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8 May 86

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

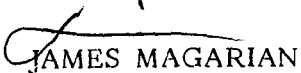
Recent developments within the Soviet Union with regard to the nuclear accident at Chernobyl has given cause to be concerned about the ACYOA Armenian Studies Program - "Educational Tour to Armenia" (June 16-July 19).

While considerable concern persists with the threat of international terrorism for travelers abroad (this has been even more evident with the inquiries into our ASP, as well as the number of interested participants) the nuclear accident presents a completely different and possibly greater problem. One aspect is the "unknown" factors dealing with radiation in general. Another is the far greater unknowns in dealing with reliable information from the Soviet Union. It is only recently that the Soviet Government has begun to cooperate and release valuable information regarding the details at Chernobyl.

A number of participants and their parents have made their concerns known to me - ranging from mild concerns and questions, to begging for the trip to be cancelled (since they couldn't force their 24 year old daughter not to go).

As already mentioned to the Vicar General, any information that the State Department could provide would be helpful in arriving at an intelligent decision. We are compelled to decide very soon because of airline/intourist restrictions.

Your obedient servant,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Vicar General

9 May 86

REV. FR. VERTANES KALAYJIAN
Pastor - St. Mary Armenian Church
4125 Fessenden Street - NW
Washington, DC 20016

Rev. Father Vertanes:

This is to confirm the weekend of May 17th for a visitation and meeting.

As we had discussed, we shall meet at 1pm on Saturday, May 17, at the Church, primarily to discuss youth concerns, problems, possibilities, a parish youth director, as well as related issues. Be advised, that to discuss these serious concerns as they are related to problems, the youth situation in the parish must be reviewed, measured and assessed. This "parish youth assessment" need not be a formal paper ~~including~~ every type of related information and data, but rather a resource wherefrom intelligent decisions can be based.

On Sunday, May 18th, on the Feast of Pentacost, a slide program can be prepared to present at an appropriate time. We shall need a Kodak Carousel Slide Projector, as well as a stereo tape cassette player. If you have any questions or specific program requests, please inform.

Looking forward to seeing you again. Stay well.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Parish Council Chairman
Edward Onanian
ACYOA Chapter Chairman

5 May 86

ED COLOYAN
Coloyan Travel Service
P.O.B. 158
Belmont, MA 02178
RE: ACYOA Armenia Trips

Dear Ed,

Enclosed you will find the following:

1. List of participants for "Educational Tour" - June 16 Through July 19, 1986. There may be 3 or 4 more additions, the final count will be confirmed by Friday.
2. A deposit of \$200 per person for above trip.

The passport for the participants will be forthcoming.

The participants have been directed to send you 6 photos for the visa applications.

If there are any additional needs, please inform.

Regarding the 2nd Trip, we shall possibly have 2 participants. They are being charged your rate of \$1895, all inclusive (including visa). As soon as they are confirmed, I shall forward their names, passports and fees.

Hope all is well. Looking forward to seeing you, and to safe, well-organized trips. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

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SOUREN TASHJIAN
3 Desmond Avenue
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Mr. Tashjian,

Thank you for your letter of May 2nd.

Please be advised that payment must be made as soon as possible. Waiting until the middle of May for scholarship checks from Mr. Manoogian will not be satisfactory.

Usually we are required to pre-pay 60 days in advance to receive the best rates on airfare and accommodations.

Therefore, kindly remit as soon as possible and do not wait for the middle of the month.

Regarding Astric Nalbandian, if we are unable to secure a visa for her due to her passport, it will probably be too late for another person to take her place. Please be aware that we shall endeavor to do the best we can, but cannot assure anyone's passage - even up to the date of departure.

You may want to pass this along to the participants.

Thank you. Kindly attend to the above immediately.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

4 April 86

MELINA SPINUZZA
ACYOA Central Council Treasurer
3467 Whirlaway Drive
Northbrook, IL 60062

Dear Melina,

This letter is to clarify that since the cash-flow of the ACYOA National Treasury is less than expected, reimbursements for the Archbishop's Tournament and the Leadership Seminar shall only apply to the Council Member assigned to those Programs. Specifically, Shake Ajamian and yourself respectively. (Since Shake's expenses should be minimal, and the changed format for the Seminar will result in minimal costs, we should be well below the respective budgets of \$500 and \$300.)

You are urged to prepare a "budgeted" and "actual" balance sheet regarding our financial situation for the next Council meeting. This need not be precise, but reflect figures that will allow all Council members to know the situation.

A couple of Council members have indicated that they have not been reimbursed for their expenses of late. If they are following proper procedures, and, if their expenses are legitimate and within the guidelines, there should be no reason for any delay. (Unless of course there is no money!) If there is a question regarding reimbursements, you should immediately discuss with the Council Chairman the question. If this does not resolve it, you should then consult the Executive Secretary. In any case, you must inform the person if there is to be a delay for any reason. This is common courtesy and should not be taken as questioning someone's trust.

The next Executive Update will be prepared and mailed in late April. If you anticipate a shortage of funds to cover this (about \$800, not included postage which comes from the Exec. Sec. budget) please inform immediately.

If there is any reason to believe that Council members will "show up" at the Tournament or Seminar and expect reimbursement, you should inform them ahead of time of the aforementioned.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Vicar General ✓

Council Chairman



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

3 April 86

V. REV. FR. KHAJAG BARSAMIAN
Vicar General - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue
NYC., N.Y. 10016-4885

V.REV. FATHER KHAJAG:

As per our discussions regarding a new ACYOA Program, enclosed you will find an initial **OUTLINE for ACYOA Summer Task Force at the Diocese.** A suggested application form is also enclosed.

Regarding costs, it is suggested that a stipend be provided for each participant at \$75.00 per week. This works out to \$6,000 if ten participants were selected. This does not include costs for lodging and meals, and, the necessary amount of your time needed to coordinate the Program (planning and execution).

There are many pluses to this idea, and we should endeavor to seek out avenues to make it a possible opportunity for those young adults who can afford not to spend the summer working to pay for school, etc.

Please make the necessary changes and inform accordingly. The promotion for this proposed program must be included in the May issue of the **Executive Update.** Perhaps you could give me your final outline on Friday, April 11th. I shall be at the Diocese that afternoon.

Respectfully,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

30 May 86

Dear Pastor and Parish Council Chairman,

The Certificate(s) enclosed have been prepared and signed especially for the Champions and outstanding players participating in the 1986 Archbishop's Basketball Tournament.

At an appropriate time, kindly present the Certificate(s) to those accordingly.

The participation of your parish in this ACYOA sponsored event is very much appreciated, especially those parishes who were able to financially support their representative teams in whole or in part.


JAMES MAGARIAN

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

20 May 86

Group Participants
ACYOA Armenian Studies Program
"Educational Tour to Armenia 1986"

Dear Participant,

This letter is to officially inform you that this year's ACYOA "Educational Tour to Armenia" has been cancelled. The primary reason for this action comes in the wake of the nuclear accident in the Soviet Union, specifically the risk factors involved.

While for some of you this is a great let down, most have expressed their concerns and thoughts about the developments and risks involved, and agree with the action taken.

You are certainly invited to send your application again next year for inclusion in the 1987 trip, by which time all should be back to normal.

Enclosed are your passport and money sent, less the application fee. While we have cancelled the trip, there are considerable costs that remain to be paid. Your application fee will not cover all these costs, but will help. You may apply this fee to next year's application if you wish. If there is anything missing, please do be in touch.

For your information, the magazine "Soviet Life" (edited in the Soviet Union but published in the USA in English) has dedicated it's June issue to the Republic of Armenia. While it is somewhat propagandistic (from a Soviet point of view) it contains a magnificent overview of Armenia today, covering a wide range of topics and interests. You may want to pick one up from a magazine/bookstore that has an extensive magazine offering. If you can't find one locally, please inform and we'll find one for you.

Stay well and have a wonderful summer.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

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21 May 86

SYLVIA TERZIBASHIAN
Secretary to the Primate
Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue
NYC, NY 10016-4885

Dear Sylvia,

Enclosed are the complete certificates for the 1986 Archbishop's Basketball Tournament. Kindly have His Eminence sign each certificate where indicated.

I shall be coming to the Diocese on May 29th or 30th and will take them at that time.

Thank you. See you then.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN



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20 May 86

His Eminence
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Ave., NYC, NY 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

After consultation with the Vicar General, visitors to Armenia, as well as experts in the scientific field of nuclear energy, the ACYOA Armenian Studies Program - "Educational Tour To Armenia 1986" was cancelled, as of Thursday, May 15th.

Telephone calls were made to all remaining participants to inform them immediately before they made any travel arrangements to New York City. The Group Leader and Assistant Group Leader were also informed accordingly.

Enclosed is a letter that has been sent to all participants officially informing them of the cancellation, as well as returning to them their passports and fees. The application fee of \$10. per person was retained.

The costs incurred are mainly administrative and promotional, with the exception of the revision and reprinting of the "Handbook to Armenia". The latter cost will come from the ASP operating account.

It may be wise to immediately inform officials of the Cultural Committee in Armenia, as well as Holy Etchmiadzin of our action, so as to avoid any further planning on their part.

Your obedient servant,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Vicar General

26 June 86

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Ave., NYC, NY 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

Enclosed are background materials prepared for the 40th Anniversary of the ACYOA.

These, as well as lists of past Council members, Assembly sites, 'A' Award winners, etc., will be sent to each regional celebration Committee for inclusion in their respective booklets. The materials will also be included in the Sports Weekend Yearbook.

As per the request of the Vicar General, a copy of these materials have also been sent to Nubar Kupelian.

Your obedient servant,

JAMES MAGARIAN

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23 June 86

V. REV. FR. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN
Pastor - Holy Trinity Armenian Church
101 Ashmead Road, Cheltenham, PA 19012

V. Rev. Father Haigazoun:

This letter is to thank you for your soon to become famous hospitality. It was a pleasure to see you and spend the evening discussing matters important to us all.

Regarding Caryn Babyan, who is listed as the "contact" from your parish, she seems to have a great deal of energy but lacks in tact and propriety. In speaking with Alice Zarzatian and a couple of others, they seem interested in more formal participation, but I'm not so sure they can work together.

Since this year's ACYOA General Assembly and National Sports Weekend will be held in your backyard (almost), it seems like a good opportunity to generate a little enthusiasm and interest via participation in these events.

If, during your visit to our area, your schedule permit, please allow us to reciprocate your kind hospitality.

Again, thank you and stay well.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

19 June 86

BETSY UNGERMANN

Youth Director

Holy Trinity Armenian Church
145 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear Betsy,

It was nice to speak with you the other day. I heard that your Bible Study Program last week was less than successful. Please, don't be discouraged. Bible study programs are actually new to most parishes and youth groups. Stay with it and perhaps you will find a way to get your message across.

Enclosed you will find a retreat outline that was prepared by the Rev. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian (Hartford, CT). It will be a good reference in terms of helping you prepare the basics.

If there is anything you can add from your own experience and background, it will be most appreciated. We should have a more comprehensive type of guideline, especially for those who don't have the necessary background.

Regarding the promotional poster, perhaps we can get together for lunch sometime next week. I'd like to hear your impressions since taking your position.

Stay well. I'll be in touch soon.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

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18 June 86

REV. FR. TATEOS ABDALIAN
Pastor - St. John/Baptist Armenian Church
7825 W. Layton Avenue
Greenfield, WI 53220

Rev. Father Tateos:

Enclosed you will find the ACYOA A-V Program requested for the weekend of June 21st, 1986, entitled **Symbolism in the Armenian Church: "The Church as the Temple of Our Faith"**.

The script includes an introduction as well as directions for the person who will present the program (and operate the slide-projector and tape player). This person should review the script as well as the tape and slides to ensure a smooth running program. The affect of the presentation, in terms of atmosphere and stimulation, is almost as important as the content of the program itself.

I hope that all goes well, and that this presentation is enjoyed by your group.

Kindly return the program, as enclosed following the presentation.

I hope all is well with you Der Hayr - stay well.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

enclosure:

Script booklet
2 boxes of slides (88 total)
Tape cassette

9 June 86

REV. FR. MICHAEL BUTTERO, Pastor
Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs
209-15 Horace Harding Expressway
Bayside, NY 11364

Rev. Father Michael:

Thank you for your letter of June 3rd. It is always nice to hear and receive response from parishes relative to ACYOA materials.

Regarding the signature of the parish priest (or council chairman) on ACYOA Membership Renewal Forms, this may very well be a fine idea. We have noticed that in some cases, the pastors (and council members) aren't too sure who belongs to their chapter, and especially who does not. Of course signing a document can sometimes mean little more than ink on a piece of paper, it might, perhaps, provide an opportunity to review the names of those local members.

On the Sam Nersesian Award, some clarification is needed here. Be advised that the Award is separate and different from the Scholarship. The yellow outline sheet goes with the yellow nomination form, while the green outline sheet goes with the green application form.

As stated on the top of the nomination form, the award is given to a person by the ACYOA Central Council upon receiving "nominations from pastors and chapter executive committees." The Scholarship is applied for by someone wishing financial aid to attend a session of the St. Nersess Seminary Summer Studies Conferences.

Both of these were initiated in 1979. The sending of materials is more a matter of reminding chapters and parishes, who, under ideal circumstances, have already given due consideration (in the case of award nominations). Please note that the deadline for the applications and the nominations has been extended to June 30th (noted on the forms).

Your continued interest in the ACYOA is most welcomed and appreciated. Please share any other good ideas. Stay well Der Hayr.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

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5 June 86

V.REV.FR. Khajag Barsamian
Vicar General - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue
NYC, NY 10016-4885

V.Rev. Father Khajag:

As per our discussion, the enclose are initial drafts for the "Coordinator" and for the "Participant" of the Summer Task Force at the Diocese.

This may be used as a base from which to formulate the final copies.

If you need additinal input, please do be in touch.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Prim~~ee~~

5 June 86

LISA MANOOKIAN
MELCOM AVRIGIAN
Chairmen - 1986
ACYOA National Sports Weekend

Dear Lisa and Melcom,

This letter is to confirm our meeting for Saturday, June 21st, at 11 AM.

Attending this meeting should be those individuals and/or committees responsible for the general areas of the Assembly and Sports Weekend. It is important that as many of these people as possible be at this meeting, and not informed second-hand afterward what was discussed regarding their particular area.

An agenda should be prepared that will address each area.

Please confirm the location of the meeting, and transportation arrangements.

Looking forward to seeing you and again to a progressive meeting.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Pastor

4 June 86

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

Dear Shake,

In speaking with the V.Rev.Fr. Khajag Barsamian recently, he mentioned the regional conferences discussed at our Council meeting. This conference involved the clergy and other concerned individuals to gather and discuss issues relevant to the ACYOA and young adults of our Church in general.

He asked about an agenda for such a conference, and since this originally was your idea, it might be best for you to formulate those items and issues you would like addressed at such a gathering. It is suggested that you keep the agenda as brief and to-the-point as possible. Perhaps you can have this ready for our next meeting.

Regarding our next meeting, as we had discussed, a first-draft of the Council Report should be prepared and reviewed during the meeting. In this way, all members will have an opportunity to contribute, as it is the report of their activities for the year. Keep in mind that it need not be too long, nor without substance. Use your good judgement.

Usually, the scholarship winner, as well as the "A" Award winner is decided at this meeting. However, we may not have the necessary information to make such selections. It might be wise to take up these items at the transitional meeting following the Assembly, or at a special meeting sometime during the Assembly or Sports Weekend period when all members will be present. Keep this in mind.

If there is anything to discuss prior to our meeting later this month, please do be in touch. Please inform on accommodations.

Stay well.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

4 June 86

His Eminence

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue - NYC, NY 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

Preparation for commemorative booklets on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the ACYOA continues with compilation of archival materials, artwork and photographs.

We should also like to include appropriate messages from His Holiness, Vazken I, Catholicos of All Armenians, as well as Your Eminence as Primate of the Diocese. Appropriate photographs, which we have, will also be included.

These should be prepared as soon as possible, as a "package" of content materials will be sent to each region for their respective booklets.

Your obedient servant,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. ACYOA Juniors Director



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

2 June 86

Dear Central Council Members,

This letter is to inform and remind you on the following:

1. That you should be in touch with your chapters and parishes to encourage their participation at the Assembly and Sports Weekend; on dues that are due; about the administrative forms that are due. Refer to the materials that were prepared and sent to the parishes last month.
2. That the Armenian Studies Programs for this summer have been cancelled due to high risk factors involving the nuclear accident at Chernobyl, as well as other considerations on the safety and well being of the group. While 8 of the original 22 registered participants in Programs #1 & #2 cancelled on their own, the remaining fully agreed and understood. Parents were extremely pleased, to say the least.
3. That we shall meet June 27-28 in Chelmsford for our final meeting prior to the Assembly in Philadelphia. Be sure to have been in touch with your respective chapters so that you will be able to contribute to the Council annual report that addresses chapter status, and related concerns. An Agenda and Itinerary will be sent by the Council Chairman providing you with details on the meeting.

Until later this month,

sincerely,


JAMES MAGARIAN

Enclosure.

Corrections to Chapter Chairman & Contact Listing:

Detroit - Glen Pulice, 18145 Cornell Rd., Southfield, MI 48075 (# not given)
Wisconsin - Thomas Gengozian, 1850 Taylor Ave., Racine, WI 53403 (")

Sara Martinian - APT. #3

11 July 86

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

Dear Nancy,

Enclosed you will find three copies of the following materials:

1. ACYOA Background Information - 1946-86.
[This contains a basic overview of the ACYOA since its founding. It is not an indept history, with names and dates. Perhaps this can be used as a reference for a more detailed history for 1996.]
2. Listing of dates and sites for ACYOA General and Special Assemblies.
3. Listing of dates and names of ACYOA Executive Secretaries and Diocesan Youth Directors.
4. Alphabetical listing of ACYOA Central Council Members, with chairmen in capital letters.
5. Listing of ACYOA Chapter "A" Award winners, with year and chapter.
6. Highlights of ACYOA (data sheet).

Before this package of materials cant be sent to the Host Committees for the Regional Celebrations, the following must be added:

7. Photo and message from the Catholicos.
8. Photo and message from the Primate.
9. Photo and biography of Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan.

The messages have been requested and are in process. The biography was to be prepared by you. All three items should be received by you, attached to the enclosed, and sent to the respective Host Committees before September 1st.

I shall be at the Diocese on July 25; if you are available we can discuss this further at that time, or call me when its convenient.

Hope all went well with the Camp Program. Stay well and see you soon.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

11 July 86

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

This letter is to respectfully inform that due to family and personal circumstances, I shall resign my appointment as Diocesan Youth Director/ACYOA Executive Secretary, effective August 30, 1986.

The last two weeks of August I shall take as vacation. This is the first time in 6 years I shall take more than four consecutive days off in a row.

Plans call for my being in New York City on July 25/26. At that time, we may discuss this further, as well as consider transitional needs and transfer of files and records, etc.

Your obedient servant in Christ,

JAMES MAGARIAN

[confidential]

10 July 86

MELINA SPINUZZA
Treasurer - ACYOA Central Council
3467 Whirlaway Drive
Northbrook, IL 60062

Dear Melina,

Enclosed you will find the following:

1. Recent bank statement.
2. ASP close-out account check.
3. Statements and other related materials from ASP.

At this time the special ASP account is closed. We shall decide at a later time what course of action is best for next year. There is certainly plenty of time for this. The Council can certainly use the money at this time.

Hope all is well with you, and with the plans for the Regional ACYOA Anniversary Celebration. Your involvement and direction is sure to make it fine event to remember, as well as a success.

Stay well.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Council Chairman

9 July 86

MARGARET ASHEKIAN
325 Walnut Hill Lane
Havertown, PA 19083

Dear Mrs. Ashekian,

Thank you for forwarding the address changes for your son and daughters.

We are constantly changing and updating our master listing of Armenian young people in the Diocese. Since the youth population is most unstable, in terms of residences, we appreciate any information regarding changes in address.

However, our ability to change the master list lacks the immediacy desired to make the change before the next master list mailing.

In the meantime, could you possibly forward their mail accordingly? We would certainly appreciate our assistance.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

7 July 86

LISA MANOOKIAN
Co-Chairman 1986 Host Committee
ACYOA Assembly/Sports Weekend
2007 County Line Road
Ardmore, PA 19003

Dear Lisa,

Enclosed kindly find the following:

- + One box of "ACYOA 40th Anniversary Pens"
- + Photo-negatives from the 1985 Spts.Wknd.

The pens are to be given to the delegates to the Assembly. Instead of putting them on the tables of the Assembly Hall, it might be best to have them on the delegate registration table.

The photo-negatives are per your request. Prints were made from the better negatives and were sent to the newspapers. Choose the best (contrast/high resolution) for your Yearbook reproduction.

Regarding media coverage, your local newspapers (Philadelphia as well as the smaller community papers) should be properly informed regarding:

1. ACYOA Assembly
2. Presence of the Primate
3. National Sports Weekend

Please do give considerable attention to the Armenian press and related articles, ads, photo-articles, etc. Coverage is important.

Stay well.

Sincerely,

c.c. Co-Chairman

3 July 86

MELINA SPINUZZA
Treasurer - ACYOA Central Council
3467 Whirlaway Drive
Northbrook, IL 60062

Dear Melina,

Regarding the data you need to complete the statistical part of the Central Council Report, I shall provide you with the following:

Chapters that have:

- Sent items on time
- Had ACYOA Day celebrations
- Sent Annual Report
- Sent Monthly Fact Sheets
- Sent Exec. Comm. Listing
- Any other pertinent information

Since some of these will trickle in over the next week or two, I shall compile and send to you no later than July 14th. If this is not good for your schedule, please inform.

Since via the forms you have sent to the chapters, they should (with alittle luck) send you the names of their delegates for this year. Kindly forward these names and addresses as soon as possible, but no later than July 21st. The delegates materials will be sent on July 24th. Every parish and chapter will receive a delegate packet, in addition to specified names as indicated. Those without specific names will have to make their own additional copies of the materials as they need them.

As per a 'fact sheet', Cleveland would like to hear from you.

Stay well and keep up the very good work.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Council Chairman

1 July 86

V.REV.FR. KHAJAG BARSAMIAN
Vicar General - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

V. Rev. Father Khajag:

As previously decided regarding the Regional Celebrations for the 40th Anniversary of the ACYOA, each regional host committee would be given as "start up" money \$1,000.00 as a loan.

At this time, the Providence ACYOA Chapter, serving as hosts for the New England Regional Celebration, is in need of this start up money. Kindly refer to the enclosed voucher.

It would be highly appreciated if you could give this your prompt attention.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

Make check out to:

Providence ACYOA Chapter
Ss. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church

Send check to:

Sara Martinian
88 Garfield Avenue - Apt. #1
Providence, RI 02908

c.c. Central Council Regional Representative - N.E.

14 July 86

Lisa Manookian
Co-Chairman - 1986 Host Committee
National Sports Weekend

Dear Lisa,,

Enclosed is the famous photograph you've been waiting for all these days.

Just think, you now have the one and only photograph of the 1986 ACYOA Central Council and Executive Secretary. What a prize.

Caption should read:

ACYOA Executive Secretary and Members of ACYOA Central Council 1986

(Standing, left - right) Melina Spinuzza; Mr. James Magarian, Executive Secretary; Sara Martinian; Scott Najarian; Gary Townsend; (Sitting) Shake Ajamian, Chairman.

Take care of this photograph, it is one of a kind.

Stay well. Hope all is fine and progressing to your satisfaction.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

enclosure.

15 July 86

ART SIMONIAN
New Britain ACYOA
Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection
70 Pape Road
New Britain, CT 06053

Dear Art,

Gary Hovhanessian asked me to send the enclosed materials regarding ACYOA Membership and Renewal Membership. He mentioned that there were some people interested in attending/participating in the ACYOA National Sports Weekend in Philadelphia this coming Labor Day Weekend, and that they wished the necessary forms and information.

Keep in mind that "renewing members" are those who were members last year, and not years prior. All those who have never been members, or, who did not pay their dues last year are considered "new" members.

New member fee - \$4.50
Renewing member fee - \$3.50

Kindly refer to the "Membership Incentive Program" outline that clearly shows that it literally pays to join ACYOA and participate in a few events or programs.

I hope that you are able to form a chapter, since New Britain has been inactive of late. Kindly send the following:

- Membership forms and fees.
- Renewal form and fees.
- List of "executive committee" (appoint an interim chairman, treasurer and secretary for the time being. You can't have a "chapter" without an exec. comm., unless all your people want to be "members-at-large".)

TO:

Melina Spinuzza, ACYOA Central Council Treasurer, 3467 Whirlaway Dr., Northbrook, IL 60062 (312-564-4431 call if you have any questions)

Stay well.

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July

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MELINA SPINUZZA
Treasurer - ACYOA Central Council
3467 Whirlaway Drive
Northbrook, IL 60062

Dear Melina,

Enclosed is the data sheet, as of July 15. I waited an extra day in the hopes of receiving additional reports, or something. I suggest that you call me on your cut off date to see if there are any additional items received.

I also suggest that you put on the bottom of the finished copy, "Information as of I also suggest that you type on the bottom of your finished copy, "Information as of (your cut off date)".

The General Armenian Youth Listing - would be those who responded to updating.
The Chapter Membership Listing - you should have.
The Chapter Exec. Comm. Listing - INC (incomplete) means no addresses sent; late means they sent their lists months after elections were held.
The Monthly Fact Sheet - numbers indicate how many are on file.
The Membership Renewal Form - you should have.
The Annual Chapter Report Form - indicates who has sent it in.
The Membership Dues - you should have.
The Nomination - who made nominations.
The Special Event Report - for those hosting national or regional events.
The Items Recieved on Time category really doesn't apply this year. Only a few fact sheets were on time, and, the Worcester Annual REport (by coincidence).
The ACYOA Day Celebration - indicates those chapters that held the event, that we know of.
The Status category - active, semi-active, unorganized, is based on what we know and what type of response, if any, is received from them.

Hope this is of help to you in formulating the information.

Stay well and keep up your good work.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MACADIAN

16 July 86

PHOTO CONTEST PARTICIPANTS
Executive Update ACYOA 40th Anniv. Issue
May 1986

Thank you for entering the ACYOA 40th Anniversary Photo L.D. contest.

Unfortunately, only one other entry was received.

Enclosed is your entry with "corrections". You did very well in identifying a high number of ACYOA'ers in the photos.

Suzie Ashjian submitted 54 L.D.'s, 52 of which were correct.

Serena Eghian submitted 44, 41 of which were correct.

Enclosed is a small token of appreciation for taking the time to submit an entry, and making an effort to correctly identify some of the people in the many photos. The enclosed is a finely carved mother-of-pearl cross from the Holy Land. If you wish, you may have it blessed.

Again, thank you for your participation.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

21 July 86

V. REV. FR. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN
Pastor - Holy Trinity Armenian Church
101 Ashmead Road
Cheltenham, Pa 19012

V. Rev. Father Haigazoun:

Enclosed are the various notes and revisions you had prepared for the next printing of Sacraments and Prayers of the Armenian Church.

Since it is unclear at this time when the ACYOA might move ahead with this needed reprinting, it is best that you hold these materials.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

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17 July 86

V. REV. FR. KHAJAG BARSAMIAN
Vicar General - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue - NYC, NY 10016-4885

V. Rev. Father Khajagi:

This is to bring to your attention the fact of unreasonable delays in the reimbursement of funds personally paid to operate the Dept. of ACYOA Seniors. While this isn't the first time unreasonable delays have been experienced, but this does not make it acceptable or understandable.

On page 1, items A & B go back to May 5th submission. Nora said that these have been sent, but I do not indicate in the ledger. She said she will check to see if the draft was cashed/cancelled.

Pages 2 and 3 reflect current outstanding balances. These total \$3,511.23! I do not have the means to carry this amount, nor to I entertain pushing back paying the bills week after week.

I shall be at the Diocese Friday, July 25, kindly have the bookkeepers draft the appropriate checks so that we may be up to date.

Thank you for your attention on this important matter.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate

17 July 86

V. REV. FR. KHAJAG BARSAMIAN
Vicar General - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue - NYC, NY 10016-4885

V.REV.FR. Khajag:

Attached you will find copies of letters sent to the Armenian Reporter, and Armenian Mirror-Spectator newspapers regarding the placing of the second of three full-page ads regarding the ACYOA 40th Anniversary year promotions.

As the letters indicate, the newspapers are instructed to bill the Diocese to your attention. Enclosed is a voucher, however the exact amount is unclear since a reduction in the cost is expected. Whatever the final cost for these two ads, half should be taken from the ACYOA Seniors and half from the ACYOA Juniors accounts.

It is intended to run this ad again in late September with more details on the upcoming Regional Anniversary Celebrations.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. ACYOA Juniors Director



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

17 July 86

EDITOR
Armenian Mirror-Spectator
P.O.B. 302
Watertown, MA 02272

Attn: Advertising Dept.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Enclosed you will find another full-page advertisement we would like placed during the first week of August.

There are two areas that need to be changed according to the attached cards:

1. "ACYOA DAY" etc. should be taken out and replaced with the card "General Assembly" etc. All the copy of the card should go into this space.
2. "**Midwest - Chicago" etc. should be changed according to the card.

Everything else should remain the same.

If there are any questions, kindly call: 617-256-7234, or 617-649-6875.

The bill for this advertisement should be sent for payment to:

VICAR GENERAL
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
NYC., NY 10016-4885

Attn. ACYOA Account

If it is within your means, please try to charge us less than \$160.00.

We appreciate your assistance. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

22 July 86

SAM ARTHIN
BRUCE BALLARD
Athletic Directors - 1986
ACYOA National Sports Weekend
Host - Wynnewood Chapter

Dear Sam and Bruce,

The stretch run has begun, and perhaps you can almost see the finish line. This is where all your planning and good ideas come into play, and, where you'll work the hardest.

Enclosed are a couple of items I thought might be of some help. I'm not sure if I sent these earlier or not. Look them over; if you have any questions, please do be in touch.

The ACYOA Central Council has made a concerted effort to inform all chapters that they must be in "good standing" (dues paid, chapter obligations fulfilled) before they may participate in the Assembly proceedings, and/or, the Athletic competitions. This year just about everyone knows that the rules will be followed a little more closely and official membership lists will be circulated to ensure fairness for all participants.

At the same time, you must keep in mind that while you must be a little flexible, you must also abide by the rules and enforce them when necessary. In this way we may reach a more efficient operations in the years to come. I must add that each year we have improved.

Stay well and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Pastor
Host Committee Chairmen

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22 July 86

MELCOM AVRIGIAN
LISA MANOOKIAN
Co-Chairmen - 1986
ACYOA National Sports Weekend
Host - Wynnewood Chapter

Dear Mel and Lisa,

The final 30 days are just about here. I'm confident that some of the problems experienced over the past several months have been solved so that you may enjoy the event you've been planning for past year.

By this time, just about all the details should be set. All the planning should be complete and the actual "weekend experience" and responsibility initiated with the incoming reservations/registrations etc. This should be an exciting time for you both as hundreds of out-of-town guest will come to your area, in the hopes of being part of something they'll always remember.

Past Host Committees have explained that while there is a considerable amount of work and responsibility involved with the event, it was all this "work" and "coming together" as a group of friends that made it a real good time - before, during, and after the weekend. I do hope that you and your committee members have been able to enjoy these months of planning, and of course see for yourselves how all that work will result in a great weekend.

What happens after the weekend is also important. The group should not just disappear. They should come together and discuss the weekend, formulate their final reports, including recommendations for next year, and, most importantly, plan to continue to come together with the eyes on yet another, perhaps less involved, project. The Host Chapters of the past two years made a deliberate attempt to avoid the "post-weekend syndrom" (whereby a chapter just falls apart) and have remained active and alive. You have some good people, be sure this doesn't happen to your group!

Enclosed is some reminders (I can't remember if I already gave it to you), along with a form to assist with a financial statement. It seems to be the most simplistic yet devised.

Stay well and keep up your good work.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Pastor



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

30 July 86

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

This is to inform you that I shall resign my appointment as Diocesan Youth Director/ACYOA Executive Secretary, effective August 15th, 1986.

As noted in a letter to the Primate July 11th, reasons for this are personal in nature.

As a result, I shall not attend the upcoming Assembly. It is therefore important that each of you take seriously the responsibilities involved with the Assembly, and especially the records-keeping and preparation of the Minutes for distribution thereafter.

In speaking with the Council Chairman, it was decided that the files, records, stationary, etc., be prepared and given to one of the Council members nearby.

It has been a pleasure knowing each of you as Council members, and hope that you will continue, in your own individual way, to serve our Church in the years to come, especially after your service on the Council. If advise or assistance is needed, please do be in touch.

Sincerely,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate
Vicar General

8 August 86

His Eminence
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue - NYC, NY 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

As a suggestion relative to the enclosed list of dates/events, it might be more efficient for the Primate and Vicar General if dates for meetings with the ACYOA Central Council were provided to the Council members, rather than the Council members informing Your Eminence when meetings will be held. If the dates are provided well enough in advance, there is little reason why the members could not adjust their schedules accordingly.

This might work out better for Your Eminence and/or the Vicar General to attend the meetings.

Also, I have pondered our discussion relative to Regional Field Workers under the supervision of Nancy Basmajian, and strongly feel that this is the most effective solution to the growing youth problem in the Diocese. This is no reason why a regional field worker could not handle all parishes within a specified region, directing both the junior and senior groups, and even perhaps initiating monthly programs for pre-teens. In addition, capable field workers could also initiate some campus ministry in areas that call for it. Of course ~~that~~ there are many other, and considerable, details to review and discuss toward this end.

Your obedient servant in Christ,

JAMES MAGARIAN

8 August 86

His Eminence
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue - NYC, NY 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

As requested by the Vicar General regarding dates and events for the future, the following represents ACYOA program/events dates/places as of today:

1. September 1st - final day of National Sports Weekend - picnic on grounds of Ss. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church, Wynnewood, PA.
2. October 17th - Midwest ACYOA Regional 40th Anniversary Celebration. Lake Forest Academy Hall - Contact Melina Spinuzza.
3. October 25th - New England ACYOA Regional 40th Anniversary Celebration. Sheraton-Mansfield Hotel - Contact Stephanie Matosian or Scott Najarian.
4. November 29th - Mid-Atlantic ACYOA Regional 40th Anniversary Celebration. Kavookjian Auditorium - Contact Rose Mekenian.
5. January 1987 - tentative - Archbishop's Basketball Tournament - site to be determined. Contact Central Council Chairman.
6. May 1987 - ACYOA Leadership Seminar - at site of Diocesan Assembly. Contact Central Council Chairman.
7. June 1987 - "ASP "Educational Tour to Armenia" orientation/departure.

For additional information and confirmation of the above, contact the names provided or the ACYOA Central Council Chairman.

Your obedient servant in Christ,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Vicar General

8 August 86

ROSE MEKENIAN
Chairman - Mid-Atlantic Region
ACYOA 40th Anniv. Celebration
156 Elm Street, Tenafly, NJ 07670

Dear Rose,

Looking over the various materials from the Mid-Atlantic Anniversary Committee, you and your committee members have been very busy covering the many details of this event. Judging from this, the Mid-Atlantic Celebration should be a great success.

Regarding your questions of July 26th, the Saturday evening banquet of the ACYOA National Sports Weekend has, for the last 6 years, been billed as an alumni reunion of varying sorts. This year in particular, since it is the 40th anniversary, it naturally will play up the milestone. The Sports Weekend is a national, Diocesan-wide event, and therefore is publicized thus. This should not hinder the success of the November 29th event.

The fact that Providence thinks their event is the only one (in the world) is nothing new for them. However, Shake's talk with them should straighten them out. A note from you wouldn't hurt either.

Don't worry about thunder and your sails, the Nov. 29th event will be just great and probably sold out well in advance.

Regarding ACYOA member discounts, I have enclosed the outline which clearly explains discounts. You may want to calculate this into your "at the door charge", so that even with giving a discount, it will not cost you anything. We have done this in the past without any losses. If you wish further clarification, speak with Shake who is quite familiar with the discount incentive program.

If you have heard the rumor that I resigned, you may believe it, effective August 15th. In the future, you may want to refer questions to Nancy Basmajian, Shake Ajamian, or V.Rev.Fr. Khajag Barsamian. Of course you may also call on me for something specific.

Stay well and best of luck with this event.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

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c.c. Nancy Basmajian

7 August 86

Denise Avrigian
Lillian Bidoyan
Chairpersons - Registration and Hospitality
1986 ACYOA National Sports Weekend

Dear Denise and Lillian,

Thank you for your invitation to the Saturday, August 30th, and Sunday, August 31st Banquets of the 1986 ACYOA National Sports Weekend.

This letter is to decline your invitation since I shall not be able to attend the banquets.

If I might suggest to you; it would be highly appropriate for your to invite Nancy Basmajian, ACYOA Juniors-Diocesan Youth Director, in my place. This would be especially convenient since she lives in Philadelphia. Moreover, she is scheduled to be a speaker at the "insights" program, which is part of the Weekend's events. Kindly give this your every consideration.

Thank you again for the invitation.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

15 August 86

V. REV. FR. KHAJAG BARSAMIAN
Vicar General - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue - NYC, NY 10016-4885

V. Rev. Father Khajag:

Enclosed you will find the two brass plates, engraved with the appropriate names, for the gift-bookends. These are to be presented to the outgoing members of the ACYOM Centaal Council.

As we had discussed, Shake Ajamian has completed her two-year term, and does not appear to want to run for office again. Sara Martinian has completed her one-year term, however is undecided regarding sunning for another term. Thus, you will decide on the gifts after the Assembly.

Also enclosed is my final voucher. This includes all expenses, and the final parish/chapter mailing of the posters, youth ministry materials and ACYOA "Today" Pamphlets. Kindly send this reimbursement check, along with the other unpaid vouchers, as soon as possible.

While the next two weeks are designated as 'vacation!', I most probably will be home if you have any needs or questions.

I have almost completed preparation of all the files and records for Scott Najarian to pick up. He said he will come next week.

Say well Hayr Soorp and I look forward to seeing you when you are in my area.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARAANN

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14 August 86

V. REV. FR. KHAJAG BARSAMIAN
Vicar General - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Ave., NYC, NY 10016-4885

V. Rev. Father Khajag:

Enclosed you will find materials that have been sent to the Armenian newspapers (Reporter and Mirror) for publication the week of September 26th. This is in accordance to the schedule of advertisements and newsreleases that Nancy Basmajian and I have worked out. Again the Editors have been requested to send the bill directly to you to avoid any unnecessary delays or confusion.

It is highly suggested that the same materials - that is the ad and the ACYOA Background materials - be printed in the BEMA as well. As yet I have not seen anything relative to the ACYOA 40th Anniversary in the BEMA. Perhaps the ad could be reduced, and, the ACYOA history be shortened to allow for publication.

Also enclosed is a voucher for the costs of the advertisement. Kindly fill in the amount when the bill is sent. Please inform Nancy when you know the amounts so that she may adjust her records relative to the ACYOA Juniors budget.

Respectfully,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. ACYOA Juniors Director

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

15 August 86

His Eminence
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue - NYC, NY 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

Enclosed is ACYOA related correspondence for July and August.

During the period, the following was addressed:

Materials for General Assembly prepared and sent to parishes/chapters/
and delegates.

General handouts and related Assembly materials prepared.

Materials in development regarding Youth Ministry/Parish Youth Direc-
tors completed, prepared and sent to all parishes and chapters.

Met with Vicar General and Central Council Chairman with regard to
transition and future work.

Reminder-checklist sheets for Host Comm. of Sports Weekend prepared
and sent.

40th Anniv. poster/ad redesigned and sent to all parishes/chapters,
and prepared for advertisements in Armenian newspapers.

Complete review of files and records; prepared and organized for
easy reference. These will be picked up by Central Council member
Scott Najarian. Youth Ministry files/records given to Vicar General.

The next two weeks, while designated as "vacation" will be probably
spent at home if there are any needs or questions.

Stay well Surpazan Hayr, I look forward to seeing Your Eminence when
coming to Chelmsford (whenever that may be!).

Your obedient servant in Christ,

JAMES MAGARIAN

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cc. VICAR

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

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November 10, 1986

Mr. Armand Paboojian
Watertown ACYOA Chairman
149 Winsor Avenue
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Armand:

My sincere thanks for hosting me at the ACYOA meeting on October 24, 1986. I had an enjoyable visit, and I feel that progress has been made as a result of our meeting.

I am happy that you are a leader of the Watertown ACYOA. You have all the qualities to bring your chapter forward, and develop the "New ACYOA" that we spoke of...

I am sure you will continue working closely with Der Dajad; he is a motivated "youth oriented" clergyman, who offers much to the ACYOA. You should feel fortunate having such a dynamic clergyman in your parish.

I am sending copies of this report to your Der Hayr and to your Parish Council Chairman. It is most important that they review the evaluation, and use it as a resource for the future. If you have any questions please contact me at (301 889-3788).

Again thank you for your hospitality, and keep up the good work!

May God Bless Us All,

Anthony J. Barsamian, Jr.
Acting Executive Secretary



cc: His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian - Primate
V. Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian - Vicar General
Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian - Pastor
Mr. Charles Shahe Guleserian - Parish Council Chairman

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Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

TO: ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: SCOTT NAJARIAN

January 1, 1987

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas and I wish you the best for the New Year. I am sure you are all anxiously awaiting our next Central Council meeting. It has been several months since we have met and of course there are many items to discuss. As you all have been informed, there will be a Fund Raising Committee Meeting planned on Friday night, January 9th. The exact time the meeting will begin, will of course depend on everyone's arrival time. The Ouzonian House will once again serve as our home away from home, as well as the site for Friday nights' meeting. Enclosed please find an agenda for the Central Council Meeting. This agenda of course is always adaptable. Also enclosed is the updated ACYOA Constitution, more copies will be available at the meeting. I look forward to seeing you all this upcoming weekend.

Sincerely,



cc: Fr. Haigazoun
Executive Secretary



Central Council

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Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

January 23, 1987

Mr. Harry Tutunjian
Watervliet ACYOA Chairman
630 Hoosick Rd.
Troy, NY 12180

Dear Harry:

My sincere thanks for hosting me and Greg at the ACYOA meeting on January 18, 1987. I had an enjoyable visit, and I feel that the Watervliet ACYOA is "off with a bang."

I am happy that you are the leader of the Watervliet group. You have all the qualities to develop the "New ACYOA" that we spoke of...

I am sure you will begin developing programs and activities, and let the Central Council and me know of your plans. It is important that you work closely with Der Garen. He is a youth spirited clergyman, who can offer much to the ACYOA.

I am sending copies of this report to Rev. Fr. Garen and to your Parish Council Chairman. It is most important that they review the evaluation, and use it as a resource. If you have any questions please contact me at (212-686-0710).

Again, thank you for your hospitality, and lets get going!!!

May God Bless Us All,



Anthony J. Barsamian, Jr.
Acting Executive Secretary



cc: His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian - Primate
Rev. Fr. Garen Gdanian - Pastor
Mr. Philip Natcharian - Parish Council Chairman

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June 2, 1987

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His Holiness VASKEN I.
Catholicos of All Armenians

Alex Manoogian

Mr. Edward Mardigian
13920 East Ten Mile Road
Warren, MI 48089

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Dear Mr. Mardigian:

You and Helen looked just great at Dr. Chopourian's dinner in Fort Lee, New Jersey last Sunday night. And I really mean that, its just not small talk.

The reason for this letter was to follow up on our conversation that evening about giving to the Armenian Church Endowment Fund in your Fund's name for a suitable cause.

If there is any cause that deserves the support of the Armenian Community is our youth. All my life I heard lets help our youth, but nothing ever happens - its just talk.

Ed, you can start something that is meaningful for our youth through the ACYOA.

I have talked with Tony Barsamian, the ~~Executive Director~~ of the ACYOA, who tells me that they are going to start a drive for endowment funds in the very near future. In fact this month the ACYOA is going to give the ACEF a large donation of approximately \$25,000.00.

In order to capture the imagination of other Armenian's you can do a tremendous deed by donating a large sum so that others in the Armenian communities in the United States may look up to. In this way they will also contribute for the good of our youth.

With a large endowment fund they ACYOA may attract outstanding individuals to direct programs in regional areas, like the Greek Church is doing. We can learn a lot from them. Their youth program is one of the best, but it takes money to run a program of their magnitude.

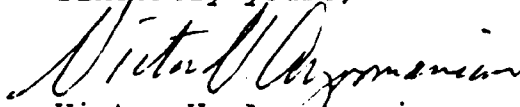
I will have Tony Barsamian discuss this with you for he has more details on their all-out effort to build the ACYOA Endowment Fund in the ACEF.

Mr. Mardigian, you have been very generous in the past. This program for our youth deserves your immediate attention. We would like to Publicize the program using your good name as our leader.

If you have any ideas that will enhance the ACYOA please let us know.

We wish you and Helen good health and many years of happiness while helping our Church and people.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Victor V. Arzooonian".

Victor V. Arzooonian
Executive Director

EDWARD MARDIGIAN
13920 EAST TEN MILE ROAD
WARREN, MICHIGAN 48089
(313) 778-4120

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June 18, 1987

Mr. Douglas Tashjian
A.C.Y.O.A.
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016-4885

Dear Mr. Tashjian:

As you may know, I have been wanting to be helpful to the A.C.Y.O.A., and I have recently contributed \$11,000.00. My idea was to enhance the A.C.Y.O.A.

I understand that the \$11,000 has not been turned over to Victor Arzoomanian to start building an Endowment Fund for the benefit of the A.C.Y.O.A. I intend to make further contributions in the near future to build up an Endowment Fund for the youth.

Therefore, will you please see that the \$11,000 is turned over to Mr. Arzoomanian as soon as possible.

Sincerely,


Edward Mardigian

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ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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July 16, 1987

His Eminence
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate of the Eastern Diocese of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Your Eminence:

This is a report of our activities as the Acting Executive Secretary and National Fundraising Chairmen to the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, Senior Division for June 16 through July 15, 1987.

National Fund Raiser

A list of 600 prospective donors was compiled from St. Thomas membership, St. James (Westchester) membership, ACEF donors, Camp Vartan donors, Mid-Atlantic Anniversary Ball attendees and Mid-West Anniversary Ball attendees.

Two letters were sent. The first was directed toward 25 people who have historically given large sums of money to the Armenian Church. The second was sent to approximately 575 ACYOA alumni and/or people who have historically supported youth programs.

As of July 14, we have received \$3,500 in donations from our mailing.

In addition, Gregory Saraydarian, Central Council Recording Secretary, sent an appeal letter to people who have donated to the Holy Martyrs Armenian School. Overall, the National Fund Raiser, through the sale of raffle tickets, has raised approximately \$18,000 before expenses and prizes.

ACYOA Endowment Fund

We are honored to have received an \$11,000 donation from Edward and Helen Mardigian. We have also transferred \$15,000 from Merrill Lynch mutual fund to the ACEF. We are beginning plans to develop an organized Endowment Fund Campaign which will be announced in September.

Diocesan Council Blue Ribbon Committee

A letter was sent to committee members, changing the meeting date from July 23 to August 1 and the meeting place from St. Nersess Seminary to the Diocesan Center. We are planning to direct our discussion toward identification of problems and recommendation of solutions, with the objective of presenting specific program and budget proposals at the 1988 Diocesan Assembly.

Report of Acting Executive Secretary's Tour to Armenia

On June 15, 1987, the ACYOA Armenian Studies Program sent its annual Education Tour to Armenia for a one month study. The director for this year's tour was the Rev. Dr. Krikor Maksoudian from Arlington, Mass. Dr. Maksoudian suspended his scholarly work to direct this tour.

The Councilor for women was Mrs. Martha Gurahian, chairperson of the St. James (Westchester) Parish Council. The tour coordinator was Antranig Barsamian, who suspended his position of Acting Executive Secretary to the ACYOA to assume this responsibility.

Other than the three staff members, the tour consisted of twenty ACYOA young adult participants. The tour itinerary consisted of twenty-one days in Armenia, two days in Moscow, four days in Leningrad, and one night lay over in Vienna, Austria.

The group visited some 48 Armenian vanks, churches and architectural monuments. A daily schedule of Armenian language, dance, and singing classes kept the group very busy during the week, and longer excursions were taken on weekends. The group also fully toured Moscow, Leningrad and Vienna, visiting churches, monuments and sights of interest.

Since the tour was the official guest of His Holiness Catholicos Vasken I., four audiences were arranged with His Holiness. The group officially attended Badarak at the Holy Church of Etchmiadzin, escorted by our beloved Catholicos. The tour was also the guests of the Committee for Cultural Relations Abroad. This "embassy" coordinated all of our arrangements in the Soviet Union. We stayed at Hotel Armenia for 21 days, and then were escorted to Leningrad and Moscow by a Committee representative.

A full financial report of the tour will be ready next month.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Barsamian
Acting Executive Secretary

Douglas H. Tashjian
National Fundraising Chairman



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Ms. Syraun Palvetzian
Executive Director
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016


Dear Syraun,

Greetings! Please find enclosed a plan for Doug to complete the Center's Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies in one year. I have outlined a recommended sequence of courses and listed the dates and sites for the courses. Since Doug is interested in pursuing a degree in Counseling, I did not include a Counseling course. I can add this if you and he desire that. I would like to recommend that Doug receive his 12 credits through Loyola University in Chicago. We have strong relationship with them and we could develop a special arrangement for Doug. It would cost approximately \$2400 for 12 credits. Books and materials would cost approximately \$150. The last item would be air travel to these sites. Using the plan I outlined, he would have to travel to 6 of the weekend courses (the seventh is held in New Jersey). Based on my travel experience, using weekend, super saver fares he should average approximately \$250 per site or a total of \$1500. It could be less because flights from Newark Airport are often less expensive than LaGuardia. I think the sites I have recommended would allow Doug to visit churches in the area.

In addition to course work, we will build in a supervision component. I will ask Fr. Ron Bagley from our staff to provide the supervision process. Ron is a specialist in young adult ministry and has extensive supervisory experience. He lives in Buffalo, but is in the NYC metropolitan area every six weeks for Center staff meetings. Meetings could take place in Buffalo or NYC. (There are inexpensive air fares from Newark Airport to Buffalo.) I would envision monthly supervisory meetings between Doug and Ron of approximately 2 - 2 1/2 hours per session. This would be scheduled between the two of them. All of Doug's course work and papers would be reviewed and evaluated by Ron. In addition, the Center can develop an evaluation process that would help you assess Doug's progress and job performance. I would propose a \$75/session fee for supervision. There would be 8 sessions (beginning in October), so the total fee for the year would be \$600.

This is a flexible plan, which needs to be tailored to Doug's work and schedule. I am quite open to revising it in consultation with the two of you. Please let me know what you think. I will be back in the office on Monday, August 31st.

Sincerely yours,


John Roberto



Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

CENTRAL COUNCIL

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9/30/87

Sirian:

On the evening of Thursday 10/8,
I will be attending the Providence
AUYOA Sports Weekend / General Assembly
Meeting. I will leave the Diocese
Thursday afternoon, and return from Providence
early Friday morning.

- ① Airfare costs \$158.00 Round Trip
- ② Since it is approximately 400 miles
round trip, if I took my car
@ .20/mile, the cost would be
\$80.00, plus tolls of about ~~15~~ \$8.00
- ③ If I took the Diocese car, the
cost would be Gas (approx \$20.00)
and tolls, (approx \$8.00)

Therefore, I think the best option would
be the Diocese car. May I use it
Thursday afternoon, through Friday morning
(October 8 and 9)

Thank you,
Doug

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October 5, 1988

VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Mr. Douglas Tashjian
ACYOA Executive Secretary
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Re: National Mailing List

Dear Mr. Tashjian:

On Tuesday, September 13, 1988, the Detroit ACYOA contacted Stephanie Masoian in Providence, Rhode Island to request a copy of the Midwest portion of the ACYOA mailing list for the distribution of flyers regarding our annual November Dance. On Sunday, October 2, 1988, Sara Andonian contacted Stephanie again to ascertain why we had not yet received the list. Sara was informed that the request was denied from your office.

Regardless of whether it was within your "rights" to deny us access to this list, it is customary and courteous to inform requestors when a request has been denied. Since the request was denied by you and not Stephanie, you should have been the responsible party who contacted me. This incident shows a blatant lack of professionalism.

Because you neglected to contact us regarding the mailing list, we are behind in our publicity schedule for our November Dance. Every day that passes without the list increases the possibility of a financial loss due to a lack of regional publicity.

Enclosed please find a mailing list for dues paid members of the Detroit ACYOA. It is my understanding (since you neglected to contact me personally), that you require such information before we may receive our requested list. Please be informed that this list has been in the possession of the Central Council Treasurer since July 1988. Perhaps better communication is in order.

Additionally and in the future, if you could provide us with the necessary requirements to receive the mailing list, we would appreciate the information. I assumed that since we were a recognized chapter of the ACYOA and were present at the General



Detroit Seniors

St. John's Armenian Church, Southfield, Michigan 48075 Telephone: (313) 569-3405

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Assembly that we would receive all of the benefits represented to us. In the 1987-1988 Central Council Report, it states: "[t]he mailing list will be made available to chapters, by request, for specific needs."

Since we are enclosing the "necessary" list, I am, for the second time, requesting a Midwest mailing list (to include Canada and Philadelphia). I expect to receive this list and an appropriate invoice via overnight mail or Federal Express within seven (7) days after your receipt of this correspondence. Please mail the aforementioned list to:

Sara Andonian
2671 Roxie
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48013

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,



Tamara A. Kabodian
Chapter Chairperson
Detroit ACYOA

cc:
VIA REGULAR MAIL
Stephanie Masoian
Sara Andonian
Scott Najarian
Melina Spinuzza
Lisa Manookian
Suzie Ashjian
Laurie Onanian
Edward H. Korkoian
Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian
Rev. Fr. Haik Donikian



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October 21, 1988

Tamara Kabodian
47 Shagbark Drive
Rochester Hills, MI 48063

Dear Tamara,

In reference to your letter of October 5th, which surprised me, it is apparent that there is a need to review the requirements necessary for a Chapter to receive an ACYOA regional or national mailing list.

There is clearly, and without exception, an authorized way to make a request for any such list. Neither Scott nor I can understand why Sara Andonian did not follow it. Sara has just completed a two-year term on Central Council, and in her first year she was responsible for the ACYOA national mailing list which encompassed both regional and national mailings. It was understood, and indeed promoted by her, that these lists could only be obtained by requests made directly the Central Council or the ACYOA Executive Secretary.

It was also public knowledge that the national mailing list was being virtually recreated and then computerized with the assistance of the Sports Weekend Committee. However, a few Chapters did not comply with our repeated attempts to get their updated mailing lists, Detroit being one of them.

Tamara, letters were written to you on 11/02, 11/23, and 2/04

specifically requesting a copy of the updated Detroit list (copies enclosed). Neither the Sports Weekend Committee, Central Council, nor I received a response to any of them. We did not ask you to create a new mailing list; only to review, edit, and update the old one which consisted of names we had been contacting since well before June, 1987.

Consequently, the Sports Weekend Committee reported that we received many calls from young adults in Detroit who had not received information on the National Sports Weekend. We also received many returned envelopes during the past year with Detroit addresses. I think you will agree that this had a costly impact on the ACYOA, and it is an indication that the Detroit Chapter is not reaching many young adults who, despite lack of communication, called for information and participated in the National Sports Weekend. It also means that Detroit missed out on opportunities to recruit new members, and unfortunately, these young adults were not informed of other regional or national ACYOA programs. I believe that you will agree that it is our mission to reach out to all Armenian young adults in all parishes.

Nevertheless, even without the complete cooperation of all Chapters, we corrected and collected addresses and managed to produce a much more accurate national mailing list, including one for the Detroit Chapter. We included address changes from returned mail, requests from potential members, and the names of 15 young adults from Detroit who purchased National Sports Weekend package plans. These names had not previously appeared on the Detroit list.

At the General Assembly in Providence, we announced on two occasions, in the presence of the Detroit delegation, that the national mailing list was in need of final editing and until it was completed it would not be ready for distribution. This announcement applied equally to all ACYOA Chapters (Detroit copy enclosed). Again, all we were asking the Detroit delegation to do was to follow-up with a review and update of the amended Detroit

list, nothing more.

Following the General Assembly, during a conversation with Myles Couyoumjian, who had called me on other ACYOA business, I reminded him about the update of the Detroit Chapter list and its requirement before the ACYOA could release a regional mailing list. Myles, as you know, attended the General Assembly and serves as the Detroit Chapter Vice-Chairman. So, Tamara, I cannot understand how you were not apprised of the proper procedure regarding the distribution of the ACYOA mailing list, nor can I comprehend how you were under the impression that the Detroit Chapter's mailing list request was indiscriminately ignored. Truthfully, the Chapter's request was not denied. Stephanie Masoian, after discussing the matter with me, returned Sara's telephone call and reiterated the above facts.

Hopefully, to allay any future confusion and misunderstanding, I have spoken to Myles and he has assured me that he will work with you, your Pastor, and other members of the Detroit Chapter to complete the mailing list. This will obviously not take place in time to make all the changes and send you the completed labels for your November Dance. However, we want to assist you; therefore, Linda Minassian will send you the present Midwest mailing labels, including Philadelphia and Canada, by express mail as soon as she completes the most recent corrections generated by our September ACYOA national mailing.

I trust this clarifies the situation and that we can avoid any such misunderstandings in the future.

Sincere regards,

Douglas Tashjian
ACYOA Executive Secretary

Enclosures

cc:
Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian
Central Council

17 February 86

REV. FR. YEPREM KELEGIAN
Pastor - St. George Armenian Church
22 White Street - Hartford, CT 06114

Father Yeprem:

It was a pleasure to receive the announcement-flyer regarding the "Day of Spiritual Renewal" March 8, at your parish church. Copies have been sent to all chapters in New England and the New York-New Jersey area for their consideration.

It was also good to see a professionally typeset announcement for the program. Many times, in our haste, we sometimes forget about how we "get the word out" and publicize our programs. It is a proven fact that if we take the time and effort to present our programs and publicize them professionally and with consideration those who might see and read them, we will, in the long run, have better results.

I hope that this program is successful, especially in light of your continued efforts to provide this type of opportunity.

On another subject, I do have some concern for the Hartford - New Britain area young adults and the absence of any formalized young adult group - i.e. ACYOA seniors. There are a lot of families in your area that, it is reasonable to assume, have people in the young adult age category. Do you have any particular ideas on what type of programming they might respond to? In early Spring, I should like to visit your parish to discuss this and possibly meet with your young people if it can be arranged. Please keep this in mind following the busy Easter season.

Stay well.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

10 February 86

DEBBIE KALIAN
Recording Secretary - Providence ACYOA
Ss. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
165 Columbia - Cranston, RI 02905

Dear Debbie,

Thank you for your note of February 1st. It was a pleasure to hear from you and find that the Providence ACYOA is as busy as ever. Keep it up.

Enclosed is a brief regarding the audio-visual program entitled: **Symbolism in the Armenian Church - "The Church as the Temple of Our Faith"**. This program is self contained and can be shown by a mature member of your group. The complete script is included with the slides and cassette tape and is followed by the operator to change the slides. The brief provides detailed information.

The **Jerusalem** program is something which I myself must present. It is in an initial draft and would be difficult for someone not familiar with the program to present. The initial draft is unedited, and is approximately 1 hour and 10 minutes. The intention for this program is to divide the large number of slides and their descriptions into 3 separate programs. This could be done at this point, but again, I would have to present it. The subject matter deals with the Holy Land, primarily Jerusalem, concentrating on the Armenian Patriarchate and the Holy Sites.

The Symbolism program would be loaned to you by mail (\$10. charge to cover costs) for your showing. The Jerusalem program would have to be presented as mentioned above.

Enclosed is the booklet "Successful Meetings" for your use. You will find this most helpful in planning and organizing.

Regarding the Anniversary Ball, as you probably know, there is a guideline that the various host committees are following. This includes having people (alumni and current members) from the various parishes involved, thereby soliciting their support and attendance at the festivities. Please keep in mind that the Primate is only available Nov. 15, and your planning should consider this date first.

Stay well and stay in touch.

Sincerely,

30 January 86

V.Rev.Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Vicar General - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue - NYC, NY 10016-4885

V.Rev. Father Khajag,

This letter is to serve as a reminder for the following:

1. Armenian Studies Program "Educational Tour to Armenia" - need Group Leader and Assistant Group Leader.

1. Since the "Handbook to Armenia" will be reprinted, need to know if there are any particular additions, deletions, etc. that you would like to see done. This should be done soon.

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Again this year, there is a reluctance to schedule and organize some activity at the Cathedral. Perhaps a word of encouragement from you might help to generate an idea. We could discuss this for further elaboration.

As always, your input and guidance is appreciated.

Respectfully,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate

30 January 86

HAIG ARIYAN
Chairman - Livingston ACYOA Chapter
St. Mary Armenian Church
17 William Street
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Dear Haig,

Thank you for your letter requesting ACYOA materials. It's nice to know that ACYOA articles placed in the Armenian newspapers are read by young people, and, that you responded.

The ACYOA promotional poster - "Armenia" - is being sent separately. While we usually do not send the poster by mail, please inform if it arrives intact. (Usually it is hand delivered.)

Regarding the slide program on "Symbolism in the Armenian Church", this is something that is loaned to chapters who plan to present the program in their parish. Enclosed is a brief describing the program along with a graph. If you wish to present the program at some future date, please inform.

Enclosed herewith is the "Successful Meetings" Booklet, along with the Program Outline for the Martyr's Commemoration. While the Commemoration was especially designed for the 70th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide (1985), it can be used at any time.

If you have any questions, please do be in touch.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

30 January 86

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

Dear Scott,

You and the Host Committee for the 1985 ACYOA National Sports Weekend are to be commended for your hard work and efforts. The Dossier for the Program has been received and it again demonstrates your dedication to the work necessary to make the Program a success, as well as allow future hosts access to the records and materials particular to the 1985 edition.

While the dossier does not contain your recommendations for next year, it will prove quite valuable to the 1986 Host Committee, and future committees as well. The detail and inclusion of the many letter, forms, guidelines, rules, promotional materials and correspondence illustrates your ability to see beyond the Program itself and ways to improve as years go by.

It is assumed that a copy has been retained by your Parish as a reference, as well as a copy forwarded to the 1986 Host Committee. Please inform otherwise.

Again, congratulations on a most successful event, and our appreciation to you and the members of the Host Committee, who gave over a year of time and effort, for your dedication and commitment to our Church and the ACYOA.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

c.c. Primate
Vicar General
Pastor
Parish Council



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

29 January 86

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

To keep things moving, the following is for your information:

1. Regarding the "Resource Book" - the enclosed list of "general area" and "topic area" is intended for your reference when sending your listing to the Council Chairman. An Outline of this project must be made and thoroughly understood by all if it is to be a success.
2. The "Membership Incentive Program" will be instituted July 1st - the beginning of the 1986-87 ACYOA fiscal (pronounced: "phys - kil") year. The Council Treasurer has been asked to prepare a section to the outline regarding a simple explanation to the payment and due dates of ACYOA Dues. Maybe we can begin to clear up the perenial confusion over this issue.
3. The Corresponding Secretary informs that the Meeting Minutes are already started via computer, and that we should have them soon.
4. Those still brave enough to admit they bet on the Patriots will be contacted for a donation to ACYOA, most probably earmarked to reprint a former ACYOA publication. Needless to say, the Game was "unbelievable" if not boring.
5. Council members are reminded that only the expenses of person in charge of the program will be reimbursed for attending the Archbishop's Tourney, Leadership Seminar, Regional Conferences, etc. If you are planning to attend these, are you are not assigned, you are on your own. (And this custom especially comes into play when our treasury is all but closed for the season.)
6. The Vice Chairman will be preparing the Calendar with the Exec. Sec. very soon so that we may have it prepared within a reasonable amount of time.
7. The Corresponding Sec. will be preparing the letters and issue-sheets for the "Advisory Comm." very soon so that they may be able to adhere to the prescribed deadlines. He will also draft a policy on Sports Weekend banishment and send to Council members for review.

Otherwise, it's business as usual. Please, please, meet your responsibilities or call for "help!" if your need it. Don't let things get behind - there's more at stake than your personal time and energy! Stay well,

JIMMIE MAGARIAN



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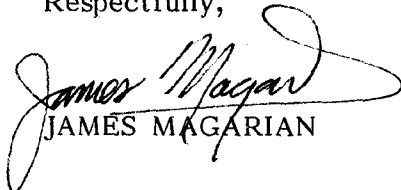
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JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate



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14 August 86

V. REV. FR. KHAJAG BARSAMIAN
Vicar General - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Ave., NYC, NY 10016-4885

V. Rev. Father Khajag:

Enclosed you will find materials that have been sent to the Armenian newspapers (Reporter and Mirror) for publication the week of September 26th. This is in accordance to the schedule of advertisements and newsreleases that Nancy Basmajian and I have worked out. Again the Editors have been requested to send the bill directly to you to avoid any unnecessary delays or confusion.

It is highly suggested that the same materials - that is the ad and the ACYOA Background materials - be printed in the BEMA as well. As yet I have not seen anything relative to the ACYOA 40th Anniversary in the BEMA. Perhaps the ad could be reduced, and, the ACYOA history be shortened to allow for publication.

Also enclosed is a voucher for the costs of the advertisement. Kindly fill in the amount when the bill is sent. Please inform Nancy when you know the amounts so that she may adjust her records relative to the ACYOA Juniors budget.

Respectfully,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. ACYOA Juniors Director

enclosures.

(--- ? --- ... it is done elsewhere.)

5) ACYOA Christian Education Committee

A committee that will work closely with the Departments of Religious Education and Armenian Language at the Diocese to develop Christian Armenian programs for the spiritual nurturing of our membership through activities such as Bible studies, seminars and retreats.

6) The New ACYOA Publication

A committee will develop a new ACYOA newsletter. The committee will be comprised of an editor, writers and visual artists. The newsletter would carry on the high level of quality aspired by its predecessor publications, The Guardian and The Keghard.

APPENDIX V:

Proposal Re: Function and Responsibility of the Advisory Committee

In as much as the ACYOA Central Council members are burdened with traditional and current duties and the need is for additional activities for the growth of the organization, I move that the appointed Advisory Committee be charged with the responsibility of advising and assisting in the initiation and implementation of such outreach programs as well as contribute to the spiritual nurture, educational enlightenment, cultural enrichment and membership growth of the national organization. The Advisory Committee will work with regional committees which will be appointed by the Central Council and the Executive Secretary for the planning and execution of these programs. The Advisory Committee and the regional committees will function in consultation with the Central Council and the Executive Secretary, under the supervision of the Primate.



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

8 August 86

His Eminence
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue - NYC, NY 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

As requested by the Vicar General regarding dates and events for the future, the following represents ACYOA program/events dates/places as of today:

1. September 1st - final day of National Sports Weekend - picnic on grounds of Ss. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church, Wynnewood, PA.
2. October 17th - Midwest ACYOA Regional 40th Anniversary Celebration. Lake Forest Academy Hall - Contact Melina Spinuzza.
3. October 25th - New England ACYOA Regional 40th Anniversary Celebration. Sheraton-Mansfield Hotel - Contact Stephanie Matosian or Scott Najarian.
4. November 29th - Mid-Atlantic ACYOA Regional 40th Anniversary Celebration. Kavookjian Auditorium - Contact Rose Mekenian.
5. January 1987 - tentative - Archbishop's Basketball Tournament - site to be determined. Contact Central Council Chairman.
6. May 1987 - ACYOA Leadership Seminar - at site of Diocesan Assembly. Contact Central Council Chairman.
7. June 1987 - "ASP "Educational Tour to Armenia" orientation/departure.

For additional information and confirmation of the above, contact the names provided or the ACYOA Central Council Chairman.

Your obedient servant in Christ,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Vicar General



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

8 August 86

His Eminence
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue - NYC, NY 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

As a suggestion relative to the enclosed list of dates/events, it might be more efficient for the Primate and Vicar General if dates for meetings with the ACYOA Central Council were provided to **the Council members**, rather than the Council members informing Your Eminence when meetings will be held. If the dates are provided well enough in advance, there is little reason why the members could not adjust their schedules accordingly.

This might work out better for Your Eminence and/or the Vicar General to attend the meetings.

Also, I have pondered our discussion relative to Regional Field Workers under the supervision of Nancy Basmajian, and strongly feel that this is the most effective solution to the growing youth problem in the Diocese. This is no reason why a regional field worker could not handle all parishes with in a specified region, directing both the junior and senior groups, and even perhaps initiating monthly programs for pre-teens. In addition, capable field workers could also initiate some campus ministry in areas that call for it. Of course there are many other, and considerable, details to review and discuss toward this end.

Your obedient servant in Christ,


JAMES MAGARIAN

August 21, 1986

Miss Shake Ajanian
Chairman, ACYOA Central Council
15 Arjay Lane
Commack, NY 11725

Dear Miss Ajanian:

As you were informed, James Magarian, Executive Secretary of the ACYOA, has resigned effective August 15, 1986. We enclose a copy of the bulletin sent to the parishes in this respect.

For an interim period, Anthony Barsamian of Worcester, Mass., has been appointed as Acting Executive Secretary. He will attend and participate in the ACYOA Annual Assembly and the Sports Weekend, meet with the Central Council, and be involved as much as possible.

We plan to arrive in Wynnewood on Wednesday, August 27. Fr. Khajag will accompany us, and hopefully all of us will have an opportunity to meet before the opening of the Assembly.

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones with His love and wisdom, always.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate



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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,

atp. Torkom Manoogian

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

May 14, 1986

Ms. Lisa D. Manookian
2007 County Line Rd.
Armora, PA 19003

Dear Ms. Manookian:

Thank you for your letter of April 28, which we found on our desk on our return from the Assembly meetings in Racine.

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian will be pleased to host the luncheon again this year, and it will be appreciated if you will organize it and make the necessary arrangements.

I have marked the selection of the menu which is returned herewith for your attention.

May the Lord bless you all.

With prayers,

Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Vicar General

Encl:

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Rev. Fr. Patee Metjian, Pastor

*for
Pastor*

April 28, 1986

Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Vicar General of the Eastern Diocese
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Dear Reverend Father:

Enclosed for your convenience are copies of the luncheon menus of the Adam's Mark Hotel, in the event that His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, wishes to host a luncheon again this year.

If possible, we would like to hear from the Diocese by June 1, as we will be meeting with the Hotel's Catering Department shortly thereafter.

If you have any questions in regard to the Weekend, please feel free to call me at (215) 875-4000 at any time.

Respectfully yours,

Lisa D. Manookian

Lisa D. Manookian
General Chairman

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Enclosure
cc: Christine Arslanian



Wynnewood Chapter

St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Church, 630 Clothier Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

4 April 86

Dear Central Council Members:

As per our discussion at our last meeting, each Regional Representative was to receive from the Treasurer a list of dues paying members. This information was to be used in establishing which chapters were delinquent in dues payment. This is especially critical in light of the lack of cash-flow in the National Treasury.

Before our next meeting, you should be in touch with each of your parishes and chapters regarding their dues payments. Those who are up to date should be told accordingly, and reminded that they should send in their dues for the 1986-87 year as the new year begins July 1st. Those who are currently delinquent, should be informed of such, and, reminded of the penalty fee that will be attached to their "obligations" before their participation in the Assembly and Sports Weekend competition. High communications is necessary so that we may take in additional revenues, as well as keep everyone informed regarding procedures and penalty fees.

It is suggested that the above and other needs (i.e. new chairmen/contacts) be combined in one telephone call to the parish priest and/or chairman/contact.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

Reminder:

As you speak with your parishes (priests) and chapters (chairmen & contacts), be sure to mention the Archbishop's Tournament, ASP "Educational Tour to Armenia", Leadership Seminar, etc. Experience tells that our programs near and in the future need constant promotion. Your personal touch can mean the difference.



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4 April 86

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We are aware of a number of new names, and would like to make this new listing as accurate as possible.

To this end, please contact the parishes in your region and forward the names of chairmen and contacts **as soon as possible**. If some of the parishes in your region are not presently on the listing, please endeavor to find a chairman or contact so that as many parishes as possible can be included.

Thank you for your efforts and cooperation. Please do be in touch very soon.

Sincerely,


JAMES MAGARIAN



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7 January 86

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Hope all of you have a good trip. Looking forward to seeing you. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,


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6 January 86

SHAKE AJAMIAN
Chairman - ACYOA Central Council
15 Arjay Lane
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Sincerely,


JAMES MAGARIAN

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cc: Council

January 13, 1986

Mr. James Magarian, Executive Secretary
A.C.Y.O.A.
99 Long Pond Road
Tynningsborough, MA 01879

Dear James:

This is to advise you that the Diocesan Council has appointed Mr. Edward Onanian as its representative to the ACYOA Advisory Committee.

Mr. Onanian should receive the notices of your meetings as well as any other material that may become available as an outcome of executive discussions and decisions.

Please look at Mr. Onanian as your sounding board on any issues that may require a further opinion or judgement.

We wish all the members of the committee a successful year of activities.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

28 January 86

MELINA SPINUZZA
Treasurer - ACYOA Central Council
3467 Whirlaway Drive
Northbrook, IL 60062

Dear Melina,

Hope all is well with you and your family.

Regarding the Membership Incentive Program; I shall prepare the guideline and distribute to the parishes and chapters soon. However, as we discussed regarding the payment of dues, and when they should be received, would you please prepare and send such a statement so that I may include it?

There is always some confusion on this, and having your input might help to put it in the best way possible. I would also suggest to you, that as Treasurer, you issue such a statement regarding dues payment and those chapters that are not in good-standing. This, combined with encouragement and follow-up by the Regional Reps. may in fact assist in collecting the dues money presently outstanding.

Please forward your version of the aforementioned as soon as possible. Thank you and stay well.

Sincerely yours,



JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Council Chairman
Vicar General

29 January 86

Dear Nora,

The following information is again being given so that we may be able to clear up my salary discrepancy occurring last June.

April 30th - 607.54 (before any changes were made)
May 15th - 594.82 (a deduction of 12.75)
May 30th - 594.82 (same)
June 15th - 594.82 (same)
June 30th - 636.30 (cost of living salary increase)
plus 12.75 (adjustment from one previous deduction)
~~649.05~~

I was told that the 12.75 deduction for changes in the medical insurance would be adjusted over three salary periods, instead of all at once. An adjustment was made on the June 30th check for one previous deduction only. Since I was assured that all previous deductions would be reimbursed, I feel that the 25.50 that remains constitutes a discrepancy.

If you need any additional clarification, do please be in touch.

Take care and stay well. See you soon.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Fr. Khajag

16 January 86

DIANE KAPIKIAN
Co-Chairman
1986 Archbp.'s Basketball Tournament
167-23 65th Avenue
Flushing, NY 11365

Dear Diane,

Hope all is going well with you and with plans for the Tournament. The materials you have mailed regarding the event have been received. The idea for the theme is very good!

Enclosed you will find the revised Record of Winners for past Archbishop's Tournaments. Please be sure to include them in the booklet. You will notice that from the beginning, 1970, official records were not kept. At the very least, you may find the men's and women's champions from the trophies themselves. You will have to call the present champions and have them read the engraved names off the trophies. You should also call them to encourage their participation this year as well as ensure that the trophies will be on hand for the presentations.

If you have any questions, please do be in touch.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Co-Chairman
Council Chairman

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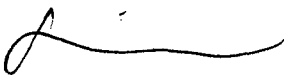
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cc - Council

(date)

(name)
(address)

Dear (name),

The ACYOA has undertaken an unprecedented project to assist its Chapters, as well as the Armenian community at large. It consists of compiling a resource reference book of the many talented people that make up our diverse Armenian American community.

Over the next 6 months, the ACYOA Central Council and Project Committee will approach people like you who have bona fide educational degrees, talents, experiences, skills, or other attributes. With the consent of each participant, their names, addresses, telephone numbers and areas of expertise will be included in the resource reference book. If an ACYOA Chapter, for instance, would like to sponsor an educational program that includes your area of expertise, they would consider inviting you as their guest.

There is no obligation on your part whatsoever. It is your decision to accept the invitation, as well as discuss an honorarium or expenses involved.

Thank you for giving this ACYOA Project serious consideration, and we look forward to your support and prompt response.

Sincerely,

(name)
Project Chairman

ACYOA
Armenian Resource Project

_____ Please include my name and vitae in the ACYOA Armenian Resource Project Booklet.

_____ Thank you, but I am not interested at this time.

_____ Please contact me with further information.

NAME - ADDRESS - TELEPHONE - EDUCATION

(listing of areas: Armenian history, literature, biblical studies.....that they would check off, with an area to elaborate.)

List materials used for exhibits, presentations, etc.

6 January 86

MELINA SPINUZZA
Treasurer - ACYOA Central Council
3467 Whirlaway Drive
Northbrook, IL 60062

Dear Melina,

Thank you for your letter of December 28th, it was a pleasure to hear from you. However, I am somewhat surprised that:

1. You have not received the shared profit check from Worcester (Spts.Wkd.).
2. That you, in turn, did not "hound" them to send it earlier. 4 months have passed since the Weekend!
3. That I don't remember the last monthly statement I have received from the bank, nor from you.
4. That the treasury owes me over \$1100.

Have you been able to reimburse the Council members their expenses? Please, follow the operations procedures and send out the reimbursement checks on a regular, monthly basis. YOU should remind them to send in their vouchers on a MONTHLY basis. YOU should remind those who owe the treasury money. YOU should make sure that the statements are received, and sent. (This means calling me and asking where is the bank statement. Yes, I in turn will find out what's the hold up; etc., etc.)

We all have to remind each other of what we're all suppose to be doing, to in fact accomplish the many things the few of us have to do. (If that statement sounds confusing, it's only because it sometimes reflects how much needs to be done.)

If you have any questions at any time about what you are suppose to do, call me. Please.

Looking forward to seeing you in a few weeks. Stay well.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

6 January 86

His Eminence
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue
NYC, NY 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

Over the past few months, Nancy Basmajian and I have been working together on programming for the 40th Anniversary of the ACYOA. As Your Eminence may recall, we forwarded a copy of an outline to follow for 1986.

To continue in this endeavor, we thought it appropriate that the Primate's Office might issue a directive to the Parishes mentioning the observance of the anniversary, as well as some suggestions and planned events. A copy of a draft letter is enclosed for review.

If it is convenient, we should like to meet together and further discuss these plans in January.

Your obedient servant,

JAMES MAGARIAN

Enclosure.

c.c. Director - ACYOA Jrs.

DRAFT LETTER

TO: Reverend Clergy & Parish Council Chairmen
SUBJECT: 40th Anniversary of the ACYOA 1946-1986

1986 marks the 40th Anniversary of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA). This occasion will be observed with various events and activities on the Diocesan and Regional levels.

In New England, the Mid-Atlantic and the Midwest Regions, gala ACYOA Anniversary Balls will be sponsored in the Fall of 1986.

In the Parishes, "Palm Sunday - ACYOA Day" should incorporate the anniversary theme into the day's programmed events. Each Parish should emphasize the importance of the youth, and the important role the youth have to play now, and in the future. Another aspect to consider is inviting former ACYOA members (alumni) to participate in the programs, or perhaps honor a particular past member (this could become an annual event).

During this year, the annual events of the ACYOA Seniors and Juniors will use the Anniversary theme at their various events as well.

We encourage your participation and support of our youth, especially in 1986 as we observe the 40th Anniversary of ACYOA.

Prayerfully,

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

30 July 86

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

This is to inform you that I shall resign my appointment as Diocesan Youth Director/ACYOA Executive Secretary, effective August 15th, 1986.

As noted in a letter to the Primate July 11th, reasons for this are personal in nature.

As a result, I shall not attend the upcoming Assembly. It is therefore important that each of you take seriously the responsibilities involved with the Assembly, and especially the records-keeping and preparation of the Minutes for distribution thereafter.

In speaking with the Council Chairman, it was decided that the files, records, stationary, etc., be prepared and given to one of the Council members nearby.

It has been a pleasure knowing each of you as Council members, and hope that you will continue, in your own individual way, to serve our Church in the years to come, especially after your service on the Council. If advise or assistance is needed, please do be in touch.

Sincerely,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. ✓ Primate
Vicar General

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BISHOP VAZKEN KESHISHIAN, PRIMATE

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Նիւ Եորք,

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Սիրելի Սրբազան,

Ստացած ենք Յունիս 19, 1986 թուակիր 2եր նամակը, ի պատասխան մեր Ապրիլ 17, 1986 թուակիր նամակին:

Խորապէս շնորհակալ ենք Ձեզի, որ մեր Հայց. Եկեղեցւոյ Երիտասարդաց Կազմակերպութեան անդամներուն կ'արտօնէք մասնակցիլ Ձեր Թեմի Երիտասարդացի Մարզական Եաքաթավերջի մրցախաղերուն:

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Յունիս 19, 1986

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Սիրելի Սրբազան,

Ժամանակին ստացած ենք Ապրիլ 17, 1986 թուակիր ձեր նամակը, որով մեզի կը փոխանցէք թեմիդ Հայց. Եկեղեցւոյ Երիտասարդաց Կազմակերպութեան անդամներուն փափաքը՝ իրենց մասնակցութիւնը բերելու թեմիս Երիտասարդաց Կազմակերպութեան նախաձեռնած Մարզական Երաթալերջի Մրցախաղերուն:

Այսպիսի կարգադրութեան մը համար մենք անպատեհութիւն մը չենք տեսներ: Հաւանաբար զիտէք որ այս տարի Մարզական Երաթալերջը տեղի պիտի ունենայ ֆիլատելիոյ մէջ, հիւրընկալութեամբ Ս. Սահակ եւ Ս. Մեսրոպ Եկեղեցւոյ համայնքին՝ Ծղոստոս 29-31:

Բարի եղէք մեզի տեղեկացնել անունները այն երիտասարդներուն՝ որոնք կը փափաքին մասնակցիլ, մասնաւորապէս նշելով որ անոնք տրատու անդամներ են թեմիդ Հայց. Եկեղեցւոյ Երիտասարդաց Կազմակերպութեան:

Յաւելեալ մանրամասնութիւնները եւ մասնակցութեան պայմանները կը տեղեկացուին ձեզի մեր Երիտասարդաց Կազմակերպութեան վարիչ ժէյմս Մակարեանի կողմէ:

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Ապրիլ 17, 1986

Սիրելի Սրբազան,

Մեր Թեմի այն ծուխերը որոնք ACYOA ունին, նամակներով եւ անձնապէս մեզմէ կը խնդրեն, կ'աղաչեն որպէսզի միջնորդ հանդիսանանք Ձերդ Սրբազնութեան մօտ, Մարզական Շաբաթավերջին իրենց մասնակցութիւնը ապահովելու:

Երկար խորհրդածելէ ետք առինք որոշումը դիմելու Ձեզի: Արդարեւ մեզի համար, եթէ ոչ անկարելի, առժամաբար բաւական դժուար է երկու երեք ծուխերու փոքրաթիւ ACYOA -ով մարզական Շաբաթավերջի մը խանդավառութիւնը ստեղծել: Իսկ մեր ունեցածն ալ չի ցրուելու եւ չի կորսնցնելու մտահոգութեամբ կը դիմենք Ձեր Սրբազնութեան, որ բարեացակամ տրամադրութեամբ արտօնէք մեր տղոց մասնակցութիւնը, որ այնքան ջերմ է իրենց համար:

Վստահ ենք, Սիրելի Սրբազան, Ձեր ազնիւ մօտեցումին, մեր Հայ Երիտասարդութեան հանդէպ եւ Ձեր տածած սիրոյն ու Հայրական զգացումներուն, որով կարելի է դրական պատասխան մը սպասել, յանդորրութիւն եւ ուրախութիւն մեր տղոց:

Կ'աղօթենք Ձեր առողջութեան եւ զործոց բարիաց յաջողութեան համար:

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August 28, 1986

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

Dear James:

We regretfully accept your resignation as the Executive Secretary of ACYOA effective August 31, 1986.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your dedicated service to the Church and the ACYOA. You should be pleased in knowing that your efforts in organizing and supervising our youth programs are indeed appreciated.

While you are leaving us as an official of the Diocese, we trust you will continue your involvement with the youth activities and serve the Church with the same enthusiasm as you have in the past.

All the best wishes to you for your future success, and may God bless you and your family, always.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

11 July 86

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

This letter is to respectfully inform that due to family and personal circumstances, I shall resign my appointment as Diocesan Youth Director/ACYOA Executive Secretary, effective August 30, 1986.

The last two weeks of August I shall take as vacation. This is the first time in 6 years I shall take more than four consecutive days off in a row.

Plans call for my being in New York City on July 25/26. At that time, we may discuss this further, as well as consider transitional needs and transfer of files and records, etc.

Your obedient servant in Christ,


JAMES MAGARIAN

[confidential]

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11 July 86

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

Dear Nancy,

Enclosed you will find three copies of the following materials:

1. ACYOA Background Information - 1946-86.
[This contains a basic overview of the ACYOA since its founding. It is not an indept history, with names and dates. Perhaps this can be used as a reference for a more detailed history for 1996.]
2. Listing of dates and sites for ACYOA General and Special Assemblies.
3. Listing of dates and names of ACYOA Executive Secretaries and Diocesan Youth Directors.
4. Alphabetical listing of ACYOA Central Council Members, with chairmen in capital letters.
5. Listing of ACYOA Chapter "A" Award winners, with year and chapter.
6. Highlights of ACYOA (data sheet).

Before this package of materials can be sent to the Host Committees for the Regional Celebrations, the following must be added:

7. Photo and message from the Catholicos.
8. Photo and message from the Primate.
9. Photo and biography of Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan.

The messages have been requested and are in process. The biography was to be prepared by you. All three items should be received by you, attached to the enclosed, and sent to the respective Host Committees before September 1st.

I shall be at the Diocese on July 25; if you are available we can discuss this further at that time, or call me when its convenient.

Hope all went well with the Camp Program. Stay well and see you soon.

Sincerely,


JAMES MAGARIAN

cc. PRIMATE

June 27, 1986

Mr. Anthony J. Barsamian, Jr.
74 Woodland Street
W. Boylston, MA 01583

Dear Mr. Barsamian:

We are pleased to inform you that you have been accepted to participate in the 4-week pilot program of "Summer Task Force" at the Diocesan Headquarters in New York City, from July 21 through August 22, 1986.

Kindly let us know as soon as possible your travel arrangements. It is hoped that you will be at the Diocese on Monday morning, July 21, to assume the different responsibilities assigned to you.

You will be staying at the Leo House, 332 West 23rd Street, New York, NY 10011, from Monday, July 21 through August 3. From August 4 through August 22, you will be staying at the St. Nersess Seminary.

A stipend will be provided at \$100 per week, as well as accommodation, and three meals a day, from Monday to Friday. A 40-hour week format will be used.

We hope that this program will provide you an opportunity to serve the Church at the Diocese.

May the Lord bless you always.

With prayers,

Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Vicar General

August 15 1986

PROPOSAL TO THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA.

Dear Council Members:

As a summer intern here at the Diocese, I have been appointed a Liason by the Primate between the ACYOA and the Diocese. This Position comes as a result of the resignation of Mr. James Magarian as the ACYOA General Secretary.

My position includes continuing the responsibilities of the General Secretary, and overseeing the 1986 Sportsweekend and General Assembly, which will be held from August 27, through September 1.

While I have been a liason, I feel the need for this position to continue until a new "full time General Secretary" is appointed. Srbazan Hayr has suggested that I develop this proposal to be submitted to the Diocesan Council, which would allow me to continue this position.

Therefore, I propose that I be appointed Interim or Acting General Secretary to the ACYOA, with my basic responsibilities including-

1. A search for candidates to be considered for the position of General Secretary.
2. Continuing the responsibilities of the past General Secretary, with an emphasis on Public Relations rather than on Administration.
3. Developing and implementing new programs for the ACYOA.

I submit this proposal with the understanding that our basic concern is to find a "New General Secretary"; and my goal is to continue positive development of the organization, until this new secretary is found.

In regards to my method of execution, I plan to live in Washington, D.C., and continue a congressional internship, devoting evenings during weekdays and weekends to the ACYOA. Even though, this schedule sounds quite heavy, I have few dependents and restrictions, and find little problem with this structure on a short term basis.

As far as financial concerns, I leave that totally to the discretion of the council. I request only that whatever has been allocated as the General Secretaries salary, continue to go to the ACYOA. I will draw my expenses and basic needs from these funds.

In this 40th Anniversary year, I believe that we will develop a "NEW ACYOA", and I would be honored to play an active role in this rebirth.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,


Anthony J. Barsamian, Jr.

May 14, 1986

The Very Reverend Father Khajag Barsamian
Vicar General of the Armenian Church of America
Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue
NYC, NY 10016-4885

Dear Hyre Soorp:

It is with great enthusiasm that I receive your letter regarding the "Summer Task Force." I feel that this would be an ideal chance to spend some time at the Diocesan Center, and to continue learning about the Armenian Church.

Since I am graduating college this year, and spending a month in Armenia with the Armenian Studies Program, it looks as though I could schedule this program. The only question I have-- is weather-- the trip to Armenia will come into conflict with this program. If not, I would be happy to participate.

I have enclosed a copy of my resume, which unfortunately does not list any of my Armenian involvements, but gives a general description of my experiences. If you have any questions or need further information please call.

In closing, I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Antranig Barsamian

June 20, 1986

Ms. Lisa Manookian
Chapter and Weekend Chairman
St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Church
630 Clothier Road
Wynnewood, PA 19096

Dear Lisa:

Thank you for your letter of June 18, and as requested, we are sending photographs of His Holiness Catholicos Vazken I, and Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan together with his biography.

Kindly return the photographs to the Diocese.

With prayers,

Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Vicar General

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Rev. Fr. Patee Metjian, Pastor

June 18, 1986

Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Vicar General of the Eastern Diocese
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Re: Yearbook for Sports Weekend

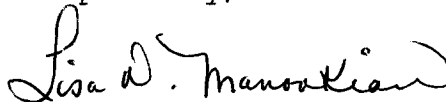
Dear Reverend Father:

I hope I am not bothering you with too many details, but we are in need of your assistance again.

At this time, we are working on our yearbook and have some special ideas for our 40th anniversary. Firstly, we would like to dedicate it to Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, who is the founding father of the organization. Would the Diocese possibly have a picture and some other pertinent information to help us out? Secondly, we need a picture of His Holiness, Lord Vasken I.

Your constant communication and support is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,



Lisa D. Manookian
Chapter & Weekend Chairman

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Wynnewood Chapter

St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Church, 630 Clothier Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096

18 November 85

NANCY BASMAJIAN
Director - ACYOA Juniors Department
828 Brighton Street
Philadelphia, PA 19111

Dear Nancy,

Hope all is well with you. We're all fine here.

Enclosed is some information regarding the computerized mailing list for youth. As you know, we presently have the Senior's National listing on computer with a program that provides alpha-betized and zip code formats, as well as codes for their parish city location.

The sheet from "Technical Computer Services" provides the costs involved. The other sheet is a "revision schedule" which we shall begin this year.

As per our discussion, I shall find out if the Junior's list was put on the computer and let you know. If there are any further questions, please do be in touch.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

ENCLOSURES.



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4 December 85

V. REV. FR. KHAJAG BARSAMIAN
Vicar General - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue - NYC, NY 10016-4885

V. Rev. Father Khajag:

This letter is to bring to your attention what appears to be a growing problem regarding the mail received at the Diocese. There are two points I should like to make here:

1. Mail that is received at the Diocese under my name, or in the name of ACYOA (seniors) is sometimes opened by others. Why this happens is never explained. In addition, the established procedure is to forward my mail each Friday. The procedure simply calls for someone to place the mail of the week into a large envelope and send it before 5pm. With this accomplished, I should receive my mail before Wednesday of the following week. Many times this is not the case.
2. Financial statements received at the Diocese in my name or in the name of ACYOA are also opened, almost each and every time. Again no explanation is given. There are no secret funds that need to be checked by anyone - at least that I am aware of. Naturally, with someone opening and reading the mail, it takes longer for it to be forwarded to me. This is especially a problem with the bank statements, since I review them and send them to the ACYOA Central Council Treasurer, who in turn maintains the ledgers for the Council. There are times when months go by before a statement is received by me.

The materials mentioned above are all clearly marked "ACYOA" and/or "James Magarian" and/or "ACYOA Executive Secretary".

If some new policy or procedure has been adopted, please inform so that I can form new expectations.

As usual Hayr Soorp, you are most helpful in solving these minor problems. Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

18 November 85

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Enclosed are the following:

1. Extra copies of the November Executive Update - send these to those you know away at school and/or not on the National Mailing List. You might also want to give these out when you visit a parish or at a regional conference.
2. Copy of a cost sheet regarding the National Mailing List computer services.

Regarding the revised Directory of Parishes from the Diocese this will be sent immediately upon its printing.

Please note.....that after you visit a parish/chapter, the "Council Report Form" should be completed and sent in. In addition, after a regional conference, or whenever there is any news, please call or write and tell about it. It will be used in news releases, in the Update, etc....

You will be informed regarding a date for our next Council Meeting, probably to take place in January.

It is highly suggested that the parishes/chapters in your region be contacted soon to suggest various activities during the Christmas Semester break - when the students are home. Every chapter should have some type of get together during this period.

Stay well.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

Enclosures.

18 November 85

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

Dear Shake,

Hope all is well with you.....we're all fine here.

Attached is a bill from the Mousigians regarding the costs for the computer time for the ACYOA Mailing list. I have forwarded a copy to Melina and said for her to pay when she has the funds.

You will also see a note from Mike Mousigian regarding Detroit's request for copies of the ACYOA National Mailing List. As stated in part nine of our "Revision Schedule" there is a procedure to distribute copies of the listing to those the Council approves. It is, and should be, the responsibility of the Council to decide when and to whom the listing should be sent.

Please inform the Mousigians of this part nine and the reasons for it (unless you have already done so, and forgot to send me a copy.....or was Gary to do it?).

It is now past two weeks and the Minutes of the past meeting are yet to be seen. Sara may need a reminder.

I shall call you soon regarding the date for our next meeting.

I assume that the financial materials sent to me via Scott are for the permanent file. Also, that Melina is now writing checks.

21 October 85

NISHAN AKGULIAN
Chairman - Wisconsin ACYOA
1016 Romaine Avenue
Racine, WI 53402

Dear Nishan,

Thank you for your letter and "fact sheet", you and your chapter appear very busy...keep it up!

Regarding your inquiry about a two-week trip to Armenia, we do offer a shorter trip during the summer for the same reason - either the people interested do not have 4 weeks of vacation, or, they are not interested in a highly structured "educational" program, is incorporated in the month-long "Educational Tour To Armenia".

However, what has happened in recent years is that we have not fully promoted the program, and thus, we usually do not have enough confirmed participants to form our own group. Those who do apply are connected to a commercial three-week tour, in which they are provided with the same service, and take advantage of group rates and travel agent experience. Keep in mind that to travel all the way to Armenia for only two weeks is not the best of itineraries.

If you are very interested, and wish to really promote the alternative trip, we might achieve the number needed (12-15) to form our own group, with a group leader whose ticket is paid for.

Let me know your feelings on this.

Stay well and stay in touch....take care.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

15 October 85

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Having received confirmation of Assembly elections by the Primate and Diocesan Council, you may now officially proceed with the many duties and responsibilities that are part of your office.

The enclosed letter from the Primate indicates that Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian's election was not approved, and therefore the first alternate Sara Martinian (Providence) is to take his place. Lisa Manookian is now the first alternate.

The Executive Secretary and Council Chairman has discussed at length the program and regional assignments for this coming year. Enclosed you will find sheets with the particulars. All Council members should begin now (if not already) to contact all parishes/chapters within your assigned region. This should be done with a formal letter to the parishes/chapters, as well as a personal telephone call to each pastor/parish council chairman, in addition to the chapter chairman/contact.

This initial contact is important in establishing a good rapport. Also, you should begin to make arrangements to visit with the parish - whether or not an established and operating chapter exists. A tentative date for a regional conference should also be mentioned.

Program assignments shall be as follows:

- + 1986 Assembly and Sports Weekend - Philadelphia - Scott Najarian
- + 1986 Archbishop's Basketball Tournament - TBA - Shake Ajamian
- + 1986 ACYOA Leadership Seminar - Racine - Melina Spinuzza
- + Religious Programming - regionally - Gary Townsend

Other assignments will be discussed at our next meeting.

Enclosed are various materials which you should become familiar with. If you already have the Chapter Handbook, give your extra copy to a parish/chapter which may have misplaced their's.

The present edition of the Diocesan Parish Directory is being revised. Upon completion, each Council member will receive a copy. It includes names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all parishes, pastors, clergy, and parish council chairmen, in addition to Diocesan delegates.

The "Chapter Deadlines" sheet and "Chapter Reminder" sheets are self-explanatory and should be read carefully. Please be in touch with any questions. Vouchers for reimbursement are also enclosed.

Also enclosed are address labels for the Vicar General, Executive Secretary, and Council members.

Copies of the various ACYOA Administrative forms are included for your reference. You should make mention of these when contacting chapters.

It is advisable that you have a check-list when calling parishes/chapters, as well as when you visit. In this way, you will cover the necessities and have a more wholistic approach to keeping them informed of ACYOA operations, as well as gather information to evaluate the situation properly.

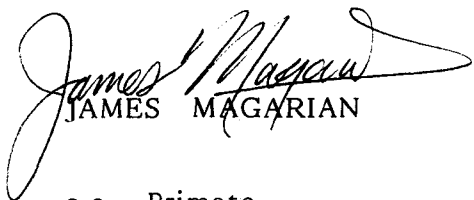
Kindly note that copies of the "Central Council Parish Visitation" form are here for you use. This is to be completed when visiting parishes/chapters. They may also be used in those cases where you cannot visit a parish, but can gather the needed information through contact over the telephone. Please send these to the Executive Secretary immediately after your visit/call.

As is the case with most everything here, please feel free to make and distribute copies of these materials as needed.

Our first meeting is scheduled for November 1st and 2nd at the Diocesan Center in New York City. We shall begin our discussions on Friday evening. Please make every effort to be on time. If you are to be delayed for any reason, do be in touch. A letter and agenda will be sent to you by the Council Chairman. For those of you not familiar with coming to the Diocese, directions will be included.

Looking forward to seeing you then. Stay well and stay in touch.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate
Vicar General

4 October 85

DEBBIE KALIAN
Recording Secretary
Providence ACYOA Chapter
165 Columbia Avenue
Cranston, RI 02905

Dear Debbie,

Thank you for your nice letter of September 27, as well as your "Fact Sheets". Yes, I think a separate article can be prepared about your chapter activities.

As per your request, a listing of the Central Council members (names, addresses, telephone numbers, regional assignments, program assignments, etc.) will be sent to all chapters shortly. If you need some specific information now, please call.

Stay well and please stay in touch.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

PS: I assume the mailing list you need is the National Listing - which I have informed the Council you need. It should be in your hands in a couple of weeks.

23 September 85

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

Dear Shake,

Enclosed is a check from the ASP Account in the amount of \$1,000.00. This should be deposited into the Council Treasury. A check in the amount of \$2,000.00 should be drawn and made out to: "Diocese of the Armenian Church" (memo: Etchmiadzin Fund).

This transaction should take care of the needs expressed in the telegram from Armenia regarding the extra expenses incurred this summer with the "Educational Tour to Armenia".

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

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c.c. Primate

13 September 85

V. REV. FR. KHAJAG BARSAMIAN
Vicar General - Armenian Diocese
~~Armenian Diocese~~ - NYC, NY 10016-4885

V. Rev. Father Khajag:

It is a pleasure to be able to meet and speak with you on a more regular basis since your appointment as Vicar General with its varied duties.

While an official letter or outline of any new procedures has yet to come regarding your position, I thought I might ask a few questions:

1. As has been mentioned by the Primate, you are to oversee the various departments. Does this mean that you are to receive copies of all materials and correspondence, previously sent to Mr. Kermian?
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I shall be taking a week or two off on and around the arrival of our next child. I am presently clearing a number of important items so as to not unnecessarily postpone them.

Stay well Hayr Soorp. I shall speak with you soon.

Respectfully yours, in Christ,

JAMES MAGARIAN



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

9-11-85

Dear Council Members,

To those who are newly elected, congratulations and welcome aboard. To Shake, who is the "veteran" and in the final year of her two-year term, your perspective and experience will play a vital role in weaving a thread from the past into the new Council.

This informal note is just to say hello. Although your term in office does not officially begin until the Primate and Diocesan Council approve the proceedings and elections of the Assembly, we must begin now to prepare for the coming year. At your earliest convenience, please provide your home telephone number, and a number where you can be reached during the day. If your address is about to change, inform on that too.

Enclosed is an initial letter and "task" which must be attended to now. The Assembly Minutes are being retyped and prepared for distribution, except for the final session which must be approved.

Very soon you will receive a packet with various information and ACYOA administrative materials. Program coordinators and regional assignments will be made, and as mentioned at the Transitional meeting, each Council member will need to set aside one evening a week for an hour to attend to ACYOA matters. Anything less will only result in a backlog of work.

In addition, if at any time you have a question about a program, procedure, or the reason behind why something is done a certain way, do not waste time guessing, call the Council Chairman or myself. For example: you will receive copies of all materials and announcements sent to all the parishes and chapters. After you receive your copy, you should call each parish and chapter in your assigned region (talking to the pastor and chapter chairman) and ask if they received the materials; do they understand what is being announced or asked of them, etc.....but you really can't do this effectively without first understanding the materials yourself.

The first Council meeting will take place in N.Y.C. in late Oct. or early Nov. The meeting will begin on Friday evening and probably end late Sat. afternoon. You will be informed as soon as a date is confirmed with the Primate.

Stay well, stay in touch, and stay ready...there is much to do.


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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

11 September 85

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Enclosed is the final session of the Record of the Minutes for the 1985 ACYOA General Assembly. Each of the previous sessions have been accepted and approved by the Assembly. As is the custom, the ACYOA Central Council approves the final session.

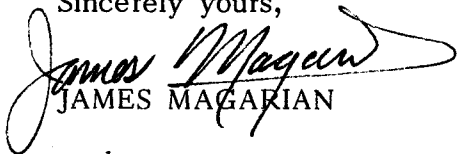
Kindly take a few minutes to review this session and make any necessary corrective notes. If the corrections are minor, please call me and inform. If the corrections are major, please write the correction and send it as soon as possible. Where there may be a conflict between your correction and another, I shall call to adjust.

This "through the mail" approval is being done to allow for immediate preparation of the entire Record of the Minutes of the Assembly to be presented to the Diocesan Council for their approval.

If there are any questions, please do be in touch. If you do not have any corrections, you need not respond. After September 20th, it is assumed that all corrections will have been made and the final copy prepared and sent.

Stay well and stay in touch.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN

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c.c. Primate

Phone Numbers:
617-256-7234 days
617-649-6875 eves

11 September 85

CARL BARDAKIAN
52 Maxwell Road
Garden City, NY 11530

Dear Mr. Bardakian,

Nancy Basmajian, Director of ACYOA Juniors, informed me that you would like to receive copies of the ACYOA "Today" pamphlet for distribution in your parish.

Enclosed are 25 copies, if you need more, or if I can be of any further assistance, please inform.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church

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11 September 85

LISA MANOOKIAN
Host Committee - '86 ACYOA Assembly/Spts.Wknd.
2007 County Line Road
Ardmore, PA 19003

MANOOKIAN

Dear Lisa,

This letter is to confirm our meeting for Sunday, September 15th, at the Marriott Cityline Hotel, 7 pm.

As we had discussed, all members and potential members who have or will have significant responsibility (major areas of the Weekend) should attend and participate in the discussions.

The Agenda shall consist of addressing each area of coordination for the Assembly/Weekend event. After each area has been addressed and discussed, and if time allows, discussion on "new ideas" should take place. This "new ideas" discussion would address items that are not usually part of the itinerary, but would improve and enhance the entire event.

Looking forward to seeing you and the other Host Committee Members.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Pastor

10 September 85

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LISA MANOOKIAN

MELCOM AVRIGIAN

Co-Chairmen - Host Committee

1986 ACYOA Assembly/Sports Weekend

Ss. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church - Wynnewood

2007 County Line Road

Ardmore, PA 19003

Dear Lisa and Melcom,

This letter is to congratulate you and the members of the Host Committee for the well thoughtout and presented bid to host the 1986 ACYOA General Assembly and National Sports Weekend.

As you know, the Assembly delegates had to choose between your fine presentation, and a presentation made by the Detroit ACYOA Chapter. They chose your bid 2 to 1 and confirmed their desire to be in Philadelphia to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the ACYOA in our Diocese.

We are confident that you will provide a most complete and well organized Assembly and Weekend itinerary for the many out-of-town guests ~~guests~~ expect ~~in~~ 1986. ~~can~~ ~~expect.~~

Please do be inttouch with any questions or needs.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate
Pastor/Parish Council

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

4 September 85

Arthur Sabounjian
Parish Youth Director
St. James Armenian Church
465 Mt. Auburn Street
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Arthur,

Thank you for the nomination of Peter Babigian for the 1985 ACYOA Sam Nersesian Award.

The nomination was complete and well thought out, and needless to say, Peter is deserving of such recognition.

As you know, the selection and announcement of this year's recipient has been made, Ronald Godoshian of Detroit is the 1985 recipient.

It is suggested that Peter Babigian be nominated again next year.

Thank you for your participation. Please do keep in touch.

Sincerely,



JAMES MAGARIAN

Enclosed is your nomination form.



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4 September 85

GAIL GIRAGOSIAN
Chairman - Palos Heights ACYOA
Ss. Joachim and Anna Armenian Church
8101 West 131st Street
Palos Park, IL 60464

Dear Gail,

Thank you for the nomination of Kevin Giragosian for the 1985 ACYOA Sam Nersesian Award.

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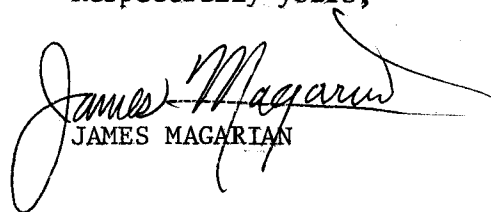
Rev. Clergy and Parish Council Chairmen,

Having recently received the report of the Host Chapter for the 1985 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament (Watertown, June 7-9, 1985), the list of Outstanding Players and Champions have been compiled and entered into the record books.

Enclosed, you will find a certificate(s) awarded to selected participants and champions.

At an appropriate time, the certificate should be presented to the individual, in recognition of participation, as well as an encouragement to others for next year. (To be held in the New York City area.)

Respectfully yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN

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13 September 85

V. REV. FR. KHAJAG BARSAMIAN
Vicar General - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue - NYC, NY 10016-4885

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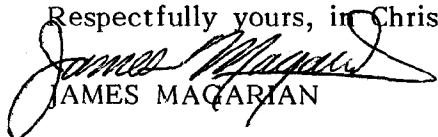
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Stay well Hayr Soorp. I shall speak with you soon.

Respectfully yours, in Christ,


JAMES MAQARIAN

c.c. Primate

31 July 85

VICKI ATAMIAN
Chairman - Providence ACYOA Chapter
Ss. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
467 Fair Street
Warwick, RI 02886

Dear Vicki,

I received a telephone call from Debbie Kalian last evening informing of your recent election to Chairman of your ACYOA Chapter in Providence.

Congratulations.

I am enclosing the following: (1) a mailing to all parishes and chapters on May 23 regarding end-of-year administrative action. Of course these were sent to Marc Janigian, but somehow I doubt if he turned over anything to you, yet. We have not received much from him over the year. (2) materials regarding the upcoming ACYOA Assembly in Worcester - August 28-30. Please try to make an effort to attend. These delegate materials were also sent to John Harpootian and Sara Martinian - whose names were provided by Debbie. Debbie seems to be most efficient.

I informed Debbie to send all your dues, reports, etc. to me to save time.

Please give the "proposal" regarding a new structure for ACYOA your attention. We do hope that you will support this needed and progressive change in the setup of ACYOA - a change that will really help in developing new programs and creating more opportunity for young adults to participate in more exciting ways.

Looking forward to seeing you in Worcester. Stay well!

Sincerely yours,

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

c.c. Council Chairman

22 July 85

STEVE MIGRIDICHIAN
Athletic Director
198 Nat. Sprts. Wknd. - ACYOA
21 Iowa Street
Worcester, MA 01602

Director

Dear Steve,

As per your request regarding the holders of the ACYOA rotating trophies, the following should allow you to ensure the particular trophies are on hand for the presentations during the Awards Banquet:

JOHN KULHANJIAN MEMORIAL AWARD - Saint Catherines, ONT.

Contact Lois Sarkisian - 416-933-2351

This award is selected by the Sports Committee of the Weekend. It is based on chapter overall sportsmanship - team and individuals.

CHARLES YAGHOOBIAN INDIVIDUAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD -
Steven Sarkisian - 617-933-6212

This award is selected by the Sports Committee of the Weekend. It is based on individual sportsmanship, either on a team or individual events.

SAM NERSESIAN AWARD - Susan Boyajian - 312-495-3830 or 597-0098
Selected by Central Council, presented by Central Council.

CHAPTER "A" AWARD - Palos Heights

Contact Giff Giragosian - 312-448-1818

Selected by Central Council, presented by Central Council.

BABAYAN CUP - Detroit

Contact Karen Andonian - 313-879-0248

Awarded to Chapter accumulating the most total points via the competitive events. Be sure to understand the points system and have a system of tallying the points immediately following the close of the competitions. Your Committee members and Event Coordinators should also understand the necessary information - names and chapters for first, second and third place finishing in all events.

If you have any questions, please do be in touch.

20 August 85

LISA MANOOKIAN
Co-Chairman
Committee to Host '86 ACYOA Sports Weekend
2007 County Line Road
Ardmore, PA 19003

MANOOKIAN

Dear Lisa,

Enclosed you will find a copy of the promotional sheet to be part of your bid proposal at the upcoming ACYOA Assembly. As you can see, the contents are basically the materials you forwarded as part of your research and information package. This is a considerable amount of work and effort on the part of the committee members and yourself.

80 copies of the promotional sheet will be made available at the Assembly for distribution at the appropriate time on the agenda. If there is are any major corrections, inform immediately by telephone.

Also enclosed is a copy of the article concerning your bid in the Mirror-Spectator of last week. Kindly share these with Melcom Avrigian (I do not have his address).

Looking forward to seeing you and the Wynnewood contingent at the Assembly. Stay well.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

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15 August 85

REV. FR. ARSEN BARSAMIAN
Group Leader - ACYOA ASP
"Educational Tour To Armenia '85"
705 Westriver Drive
Richmond, VA 23229

Rev. Fr. Arsen:

This letter is to express appreciation for your efforts as Group Leader of the ACYOA ASP "Educational Tour To Armenia" this summer. While you at first were reluctant to take on this responsibility, you more than handled the duties and from speaking with some of the participants, they all were pleased and enjoyed your company.

The report you have forwarded, while not prepared according to the outline (see enclosed) is very useful in charting your day-to-day activities. Your "general observations" are important and follow those of past trips. While we would certainly like to make many changes to ensure a more planned, and wholistic program for the participants, this is so very difficult - as you well know now - when dealing with several different groups and perspectives.

If you have any additional comments or needs, please do be in touch. Again, much thanks for your efforts. Hope all is well with you and your family.

Respectfully,

JAMES MAGARIAN

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c.c. Primate

12 August 85

His Eminence
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue
NYC, NY 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

Enclosed are the Award Certificates for the 1985 Archbishop's Basketball Tournament, which was hosted by the Watertown ACYOA Chapter of Saint James Armenian Church, June 7-9.

The Certificates require the signature of the Primate before they are forwarded to the respective parishes.

Kindly sign them and return to me at a convenient time.

Thank you.

Your obedient servant,

JAMES MAGARIAN

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8 August 85

STEVE SARKISIAN
4 Seneca Road
Woburn, MA 01801

Dear Steve,

Enclosed you will find the financial records for the immediate past ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs - "Educational Tour to Armenia" (the only ASP offered this year) ~~offered~~ **this** ~~year~~ **year**).

The materials represent the receipts - all checks are recorded on the long sheets; as well as the disbursements - all are recorded by checks, check number, and receipts. The financial statement, while not including the current bank statement, is fairly accurate. The pending expenses should not cause us to delay closing this year's books since they are not ordinary.

If you should have any questions, please do be in touch anytime. (256-7234, days, or 649-6875 evenings) If for some reason you are unable to handle the auditing duties, please inform at once. This will ensure that the ASP records will be audited before the Assembly.

Stay well.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

P.S. Upon completion, kindly send all materials, intact, to this address:
99 Long Pond Road
Tyngsborough, MA 01879

16 July 85

SHAKE AJAMIAN
Treasurer - ACYOA Central Council
15 Arjay Lane
Commack, N.Y. 11725

Dear Shake,

Since you were unable to attend our last Council Meeting, you should realize the following:

- The financial part of the Annual Central Council Report is prepared by the Council Treasurer. You may wish to review past Reports to be orientated. What is essential is a statement of income and disbursements, covering the entire ACYOA year - July 1st through June 30th. All financial aspects of the Council should be included -- Checking account, savings account, stocks and other assests, and the Ready Assets Account. This should be prepared and sent with the Council Report as soon as possible. Arda is working on the Council Report and will send it soon. I will reproduce it and send it with the Delegates materials to the parishes and chapters before the 1st of August. Please give this your prompt attention.

- The budget for the upcoming year is also to be prepared. This should follow the same set up as last year. Show the past year - proposed and actual, along with the proposed for the upcoming year. Speak with me and Arda on this - especially regarding certain funding for the proposal we have drafted.

I recommend that we meet at some point if you are not sure how to prepare these materials. It is very important that they be done very soon. Perhaps you, Arda and myself should meet sometime soon in any case. Please be in touch and don't delay this work.

- Lastly, the books and ledgers of the Council are to be audited by the Auditing Committee. The closest Committee member to you is Lisa Manookian in Wynnewood. It is highly recommended that you prepare your books and have the audit done before the Assembly. This can be accomplished by preparing your materials and sending them to Lisa as soon as possible. She can call you with any questions, or, the two of you can get together.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

Council Chairman

16 July 85

SHAKE AJAMIAN
Treasurer - ACYOA Central Council
15 Arjay Lane
Commack, N.Y. 11725

Dear Shake,

I would have liked to have seen you during our Council meeting on July 13 at ~~the~~ Nersesian Center. There were several items that you, as Treasurer, need to prepare and address in anticipation of the ACYOA Assembly.

At your earliest convenience, kindly send two checks for the ACYOA Sam Nersesian Scholarship. These will go to:

PAULA BECHAKIAN, 10 Locust Street, Woburn, MA 01801
and,

SHUNT OSCAR MADANYAN, 6261 West 128th Place, Palos Heights, IL 60463

These are the 1985 winners of the Scholarship to attend St. Nersess Summer Studies Conferences. The checks should cover the full tuition for one program (\$180.00?). However, BEFORE sending the checks, kindly confirm their attending one of the programs this summer (past or upcoming).

A letter should accompany the checks, to the affect that the Council congratulates them on winning the scholarship, and that the program is a rewarding experience, etc., etc. Please confirm your execution of this, afterwhich a newsrelease shall be prepared and sent. I wish to do this as soon as possible - please give this your immediate attention.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Council Chairman



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22 July 85

MEMBERS OF THE ACYOA AUDITING COMMITTEE

Stephen Sarkisian
Robert Shamgochian
Lisa Manoogian

Greetings:

As members of the ACYOA Auditing Committee, your responsibilities are to audit the financial records of the ACYOA for the 1984-85 year.

By now you have been contacted by the ACYOA Central Council Chairman, (or you will be very soon) who will further explain your duties. We have suggested that the three of you divide the work in the following way:

Records of ACYOA Central Council - Lisa Manookian
Records of the 1984 National Sports Weekend - Lisa Manookian
Records of the Armenian Studies Programs - Stephen Sarkisian
Records of the 1985 Archishop's Tournament - Robert Shamgochian

Keep in mind that you should be in touch with the responsible parties as regards the review of the records. It is suggested that you have the materials sent to you and that they be audited **before** the Assembly. In this way, you may present your report and continue to be part of the Assembly proceedings, instead of having to do your work there. The Report of the Auditing Committee is scheduled for Thursday morning August 29th. If for some reason you are unable to attend the Assembly, you may forward your part of the overall report to another member of the Auditing Committee, or to the Executive Secretary.

If you have any questions, please do be in touch. Looking forward to seeing you in Worcester. Stay well.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Council Chairman



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22 July 85

MEMBERS OF THE ACYOA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Scott Najarian
Diane Kapikian
Kathy Terzian

Greetings:

As members of the ACYOA Nominating Committee, your responsibilities are to nominate qualified individuals to fill the vacancies on the following:

ACYOA Auditing Committee - 3 positions vacant
ACYOA Nominating Committee - 3 positions vacant
ACYOA Central Council - 3 positions vacant

It is preferred to have at least twice as many nominees as there are positions to fill. (i.e. 3 vacancies - 6 nominees)

By now you have been contacted by the ACYOA Central Council Chairman, (or you will be very soon) who will further explain your duties.

Keep in mind that the Nominating Committee shall give their report on Friday morning, August 30th, whereafter elections will be held. It is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to present their nominees and collect and count all ballots. You may appoint assistants to help you.

If for some reason you are unable to attend the Assembly, please inform the Executive Secretary, as well as the other members of your Committee.

If you have any questions, please do be in touch. Looking forward to seeing you in Worcester. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Council Chairman



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

17 July 85

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Enclosed you will find the revised text of Proposal #1 - regarding the project to support restoration of a church in Armenia (bottom of sheet two); and Proposal #2 - regarding the restructuring of the ACYOA.

Please read the enclosed and call me with any comments, omissions, corrections, etc. Please do it now.

If I do not hear from you, I assume that all is in order and that we can proceed.

The proposals will be sent along with the delegates materials by the first of August.

Also, you are expected to be in touch with each chapter of your region, and encourage them to attend the Assembly and Sports Weekend. You should also mention the restructuring proposal and explain its importance and get their support.

Stay well.

Sincerely,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate
Vicar General
Diocesan Director of Operations



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DEAR ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS,

THE ENCLOSED SHEET WILL BE USED IN EXPLAINING THE
RESTRUCTURING PROPOSAL, PREVIOUSLY SENT TO YOU.

KINDLY KEEP IN MIND THAT IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS RE-
GARDING THE PROPOSAL, THEY SHOULD BE PASSED ALONG
TO ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE DELEGATES' PACKET
WITH RELATED ASSEMBLY MATERIALS WILL BE MAILED
BEFORE AUGUST 1ST.

SINCERELY,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate
Vicar General
Operations Director of Diocese



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3 July 85

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members:

Responding to the need to initiate changes in the administrative structure of the ACYOA, as well as progress to a some what efficient level, the Council Chairman and I have met several times since the constructive discussions held during the Leadership Seminar in Bayside, N.Y.

As you know, we shall spend considerable time discussing possible proposal formats for the upcoming General Assembly in Worcester at our next meeting. The enclosed will give you an understanding of the direction we are heading. The "bottom line" is the need to have regional field workers paid by the Diocese and in touch with the parishes/chapters of their respective regions. In tandem to this is the potential to more readily tap the resources of the various regions, as well as seriously begin to address the needs of the Armenian student population on the college campuses. There are of course many other positive and advantageous sides in having this regional concept initiated. The sooner we can begin, the sooner we may approach a satisfactory level of meeting the needs of our youth.

The fact that the Diocese itself is initiating the regionalization concept points to a resolve to increase the services and opportunities the Church can provide the faithful. This in turn can only result in a stronger Diocese as a whole, and stronger parishes with and without large communities of Armenians.

Looking forward to more productive discussions.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate

8 July 85

MELINA SPINUZZA
3467 Whirlaway Drive
Northbrook, IL 60062

Dear Melina,

It was a pleasure to hear from you and know you are interested in the upcoming ACYOA General Assembly. As you know, the Assembly will convene at the Marriott Hotel in Worcester, Mass.

As the immediate past Assembly Chairman, you are responsible to open the first Assembly session and hold the chair until new officers are elected.

If you are unable to be present at the opening of the Assembly, please inform accordingly.

I expected to hear from you during the year with regard to the Evanston ACYOA Chapter and what activities have taken place. I had tentatively considered a visitation, however plans didn't allow. Looking forward to talking with you.

Stay well.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Council Chairman

8 July 85

SCOTT NAJARIAN
Chairman - 1985 Nat. Sports Weekend
34 Lennox St.
Worcester, MA 01602

Dear Scott,

Thank you for the package of materials you sent recently. Things are looking good and very exciting. I've been receiving many inquiries regarding the Weekend and momentum is building.

We do need some additional newsreleases in the Armenian press, as well as some photo releases - pictures or committee members, or places with a short paragraph caption.

I've had many problems in trying to give you a date for a meeting. I left work at your home last week but you didn't call. I'll be in touch soon.

Regarding the \$10.00 rebate....you'd better check the "Rules and Regulations" of the National Sports Weekend - Article 3, sec. 21/

Talk with you and see you soon.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

8 July 85

LISA MANOOKIAN
2007 County Lane Road
Ardmore, PA 19003

Dear Lisa,

It was nice to see you again last week while I visited your Parish. You did a fine job in preparing the foods for everyone, and in general setting everything up.

I think that your Parish/Chapter has the interest and the manpower to host the next Weekend. Let's remember that the core group that usually does the work will be heavily involved, but the excitement will draw out many others as well. It's up to us to really play it up and get more people involved. That's what we're here for - right?

I do hope that you and a large delegation from your chapter will be on hand at the Assembly, not only to push for the Weekend, but also to consider some new proposals for the ACYOA - they're important and they need to be implemented as soon as possible.

Please be in touch with any questions or if you need assistance with Weekend plans. I'm available to assist.

I forwarded "Handbooks" to Nancy Kazanjian and the Church office.

Take care and stay well.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

8 July 85

Arda Nazerian
Chairman - ACYOA Central Council
186-39 Midland Parkway
Jamaica Estates, NY 11432

Dear Arda,

This is just a reminder that both the Nominating and Auditing Committees should be contacted and their progress reviewed in light of the upcoming Assembly. As you know, the Auditing Committee is to review the books of the previous National Sports Weekend, Archbishop's Tournament and the Armenian Studies Programs, as well any official regional programs that may have taken place. This should be done as convenient as possible given the general geographic circumstances.

The Nominating Committee needs to know the vacancies on the Council, as well as fill the spots on the Nominating and Auditing Committees for next year. Please inform on your progress.

In addition, please respond to the letter sent to you on May 13th. Thanks.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting this Friday evening.

Stay well.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Priante

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REV.FR. NERESS JEBEJIAN
Coordinator - AMSP
Armenian Choir Association
3211 Synott Road
Houston, TX 77082

Rev. Father Nersess:

Your letter of July 12th with the enclosed check for \$157.00 has been received today. For some reason the continued strain between the combining of the Choir and ACYOA Armenia trips continues.

We had requested \$310.00 (see previously sent enclosure for breakdown) because these were expenses of the three participants from the Choir Association. The following might illuminate the specifics for you.

1. The Handbooks cost money regardless of their use. The fact that you are placing your copy "on file" does not make it free. We are not a big enough organization to give away free samples as you suggested.
2. You misunderstood regarding the bus and the covering of it be the travel agent. This was not indicated to my knowledge. Nevertheless, it was an expense that each participant covered. The ACYOA should not have to pay the way of Choir Association participants - regardless of their number. Besides, \$8.00 per person to JFK is a bargain. Any travel agent will include such expenses, somewhere, in the total billing. Please don't quote past experiences or how things were done when you were coordinating - times and people have changed and something done in the past is not (thank God) a prerequisite for the future.
3. As for your figure of \$125.00 for postage and telephone calls.....this is quite unbelievable. Given the number of mailings, the amount of materials, the number of potential and actual participants, and the small amount of publicity, this figure is much too high. Even if you had 5 participants, that's would be \$25.00 each worth of cost!? If the ACYOA spent this much, or even half this much, the cost of the trip would double. Perhaps you should re-check your figures.

In any case, Der Hayr, I have no intention of chasing you for the difference. I would suggest that you at least send \$28.00 to cover the bus and the extra Handbook, and, if it won't deplete your funds, half your expense money. By

By the way, any and all expenses should have been paid to you via the ACYOA ASP account - and - all Choir Association participants should have paid the same fee as the ACYOA participants, and they should have paid it to the ACYOA ASP. This would have saved alot of trouble and unnecessary aggravation.

I am reccomending that the two trips/programs not be combined in the future. It's certainly not worth my time.

Stay well Der Hayr.

Respectfully,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate
Vicar General
ACYOA Council Chairman

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MARK KASHGEGIAN
Chairman
1985 Archbishop's Basketball Tournament
29 Jason Road
Belmont, MA 02178

Dear Mark,

This letter is to express our appreciation for your efforts in hosting the 1985 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament, June 7,8,9. We know the amount of time and energy that is required and how you and your committee made an extra special effort to make this year's tourney better than ever.

Please extend our appreciation to all members of your committee, and to the chapter as hosts.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

8 July 85

NANCY KAZANJIAN
Chairman - Wynnewood ACYOA Chapter
Ss. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
1 Patterson Place
Newtown Square, PA 19073

Dear Nancy,

It was a pleasure to visit you and your Parish last week. Your hospitality and kindness was very much appreciated.

The meeting we had with the members of your Chapter, as well as with the other concerned people of your parish, was a good opportunity to discuss some of the issues relative to youth programming in our Church. The fact that there were members of the Parish Council present was very encouraging. You should know that in many parishes, the adults are not very much aware of the activities of the young people, nor do they demonstrate any serious concern. You and your Chapter are in a fortunate situation!

Enclosed is a Handbook which should assist you in your endeavors. Normal procedures call for these and other ACYOA forms and reference materials to be passed on from one chairman to the next. A copy has also been forwarded to the Church Officec, in care of the Parish Council Chairman.

If you have any questions, please do be in touch. I look forward to hearing from you very soon, and hope that you and large delegation of chapter members attend the Assembly and Sports Weekend in Worcester, Mass.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

c.c. Parish Council

8 July 85

MARK KASHGEGIAN
Chairman
1985 Archbishop's Basketball Tournament
29 Jason Road
Belmont, MA 02178

Dear Mark,

This is a reminder that the full report on Archbishop's Basketball Tournament is needed to close the file on this ACYOA Program. Included should be the financial ~~statement~~ **statement**.

~~As you~~ know, half the net proceeds should be forwarded to the ACYOA Central Council for deposit in the ACYOA National Treasury.

A copy of the "Outline for Final Report" is enclosed. Please try to follow it as close as you can.

Also, Steve Sarkisian was to forward the names of the players and coaches of the champions, as well as the all-stars. This is to be used for a newsrelease, along with photographs of the games, champions, and some award presentations. In addition, the award certificates for the tournament must be prepared with the names as well. It's surprising that these have not yet been forwarded. News releases must be timely, as you know.

Please take care of these as soon as possible.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Steve Sarkisian

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MYLES C. COUYOUMJIAN
44218 Galway
Northville, MI 48167

Dear Myles,

Thank you for your spirited letter of June 8th addressed to the editor of the ACYOA Executive Update. Although we have received numerous letters in the past praising the publication, yours is the first that clearly shows you read the issue.

Your opinion regarding the "Significant Dates" pullout center section of the May 1985 Issue is agreeable. Using stronger words and including additional support information would make that particular part of the chronology more significant than some others. There are many who would agree with you that those particular 25 years were indeed more significant than any other. But there are many who would debate that as well. In any case, the intent of the section was to present in a capsule, easy to read and comprehend for most, some of the significant dates in the history of our Church. Depending on your perspective, you could find triple the number of significant dates just in the first one thousand years of our Church, that some scholars might consider most significant - including events of the 20th century. We should try to keep in mind that historical events transcends our present time and perspective.

Regarding your second reference, that is of the use of pronouns ~~int~~ the item "Can You Believe It?" At the time the Update was printed the information on this item was not complete. It was reliable and true, but simply not complete. It was deemed important for others to know these type of happenings can and do occur in the United States. The ambiguity, while not good journalism, was necessary. However, it could have been written better.

Myles, thanks again for your constructive comments. Perhaps you would like to contribute an article or "commentary" on some item of interest to you and the young adults of our Diocese. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN



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DEBBIE KALIAN
Recording Secretary
Providence ACYOA Chapter
Ss. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
165 Columbia Avenue
Cranston, RI 02905


Dear Debbie,

It was great to speak with you the other night, and, to receive your materials so quickly and so well prepared. This certainly shows that you and your group are on the right track and ready to be viewed as a well organized goal oriented ACYOA Chapter.

Of course you realize that to achieve your goals, you need a responsible and serious executive committee. This, along with a pastor that can assist and guide you, will allow you to really schedule all types of diverse programs to attract the many young Armenians in your area. And there are many!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Assembly and Weekend. Please introduce yourself. Perhaps we will have a chance to sit and discuss your plans and programs and how you can be successful. Please make a point of speaking with me.

Stay well,


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

c.c. Pastor
Chapter Chairman



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2 August 85.

LISA MANOOKIAN
Bid to Host ACYOA Sports Weekend '86 Committee
Wynnewood ACYOA Chapter
Ss. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
2007 County Line Road
Ardmore, PA 19003

Dear Lisa,

Thank you for sending your research materials and general information regarding your preparation to bid for and host the 1986 ACYOA National Sports Weekend.

It is important to say that you and your committee have made an outstanding effort to fully investigate and prepare for the 1986 Weekend. This effort and the resulting information and materials is a positive sign that your Chapter is at a point where hosting such an event - the largest single program of ACYOA - will be a stimulating and exciting activity that can only result in making the group and community stronger, while involving more young adults than ever before.

We are confident that with the coming of your new pastor, your group will exceed all expectations, and prepare a wonderful itinerary for the 1986 Assembly and Sports Weekend. You're already on your way there with the amount of work already accomplished. Pass on "good job" to everyone involved.

Stay well and stay in touch.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Pastor & Parish Council
Chapter Chairman

2 August 85

ARDA NAZERIAN
Chairman - ACYOA Central Council
186-39 Midland Parkway
Jamaica Estates, NY 11432

Dear Arda,

Regarding the Delegate's Registration for the upcoming Assembly, I have prepared a check-list for you to follow. As each delegate/chapter comes to register, the check-list will provide the necessary information regarding their fulfillment of obligations to the National Organization. In this way, we are able to make all the requirements for all Assembly participants equal and fair. The check-list will provide easy access to the information needed. Those chapters who bring with them outstanding obligations (such as a chapter report or dues), although they are extremely late, should be allowed to participate, and appropriate checks placed on the list.

Enclosed are recently received dues from Providence. They have re-organized and have a new executive committee. It appears they are back on track.

I have received a great deal of information and materials from Wynnewood regarding their preparation for the 1986 Assembly/Weekend. They have sent the necessary letters informing of their intent to bid, as well as presented their program to their Parish Council for support. They have just last night informed that their Parish Council and new Pastor will support their efforts. It is in the best interests of the Organization for the Central Council to support this group, especially in light of the absence of another legitimate bid.

I suggest that you bring with you all "membership renewal" forms from the chapters so that if there are any questions on eligibility (be it as a delegate or Weekend participant) we will have the necessary reference. This folder should be with you at the Delegate's Registration.

Regarding the Executive Update, I strongly urge you to call each of the Council Members and reiterate the need for immediate distribution via first-class postage. This is the least we can do for Worcester since we didn't provide a mailing list to them in a responsible or timely manner. (An apology might also be in order.)

Finally, an agenda must be prepared for the Council Transitional meeting. (see enclosed for example)

Hope all is well. As of the above date, I have not yet received the Council Report.

Stay well, and stay in touch,



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Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Enclosed you will find materials for the upcoming ACYOA General Assembly which have been prepared and sent to all parishes, chapters, and specific delegates which have been declared by certain chapters. In chapters without declared delegates, it is the responsibility of the Chapter Chairman to distribute the items.

You will also find a letter from the Wynnewood ACYOA Chapter informing of their intent to bid for the 1986 Nat. Sports. Weekend. As of this date, we have not received a bid from a New York City area chapter on a bid for the 1986 Archbishop's Basketball Tournament.

Also enclosed is the August Executive Update. The Council Chairman and Vice Chairman and I thought it favorable to include the restructuring proposal in the Update to allow for the general membership to realize its importance and details. Also, the Update promotes the upcoming Sports Weekend, which has not had timely publicity due to the unavailability of the national mailing list. Thus, the contents of this issue is relevant and important to the Assembly and Weekend, and we decided that it should be mailed **first class** instead of bulk rate. Therefore you are instructed to **fold the Update in half, and place 22 cent postage stamps on each**. In this way, it will arrive with a few days. You are encouraged to try and have your copies made immediately and mail this issue **yesterday**. (*don't forget to fold the update in half, or it won't go at 22 cents each.)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate for one second, but be in touch with the Council Chairman or the Executive Secretary for the answer. If for some reason you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities, please inform. Further, if you are unable to be at the Assembly on Wednesday evening, please inform so that your duties will be covered.

As per our last meeting, and in preparation for the Assembly, each Council member shall be responsible for the following:

SONA: +prepare proposal on restoration of church in Armenia (accomplished).
+prepare release for update and Armenian press on Weekend dedication to martyrs (accomplished).
+prepare standard courties of the Assembly to be presented as per agenda. (a handout should be prepared, whereupon the Assembly may amend.)
+be in touch with each chapter/parish of your region to encourage Assembly participation and Weekend attendance. Especially mention the mailing and the proposal for a new ACYOA Structure.

SHAKE': +prepare financial report and budget for inclusion in Council Report.
+prepare financial books for Audit - this should be done before the Assembly. Lisa Manookian of the Auditing Comm. should be contacted.
+contact all chapters/parishes in your region to encourage Assembly participation, and Weekend attendance. Especially mention the restructuring proposal and solicit their support of it.

GEORGE: +prepare banner and hang at Sports Weekend "dedicating games to memory of martyrs' 70 anniversary"....
+contact Joyce Yeghisian about slide presentation on Friday of Assembly. Be in touch with Jimmie regarding. If she is unavailable, Fr. Khajag will be asked to present his slides.
+contact the chapters/parishes of your region and encourage their participation at the Assembly and to attend the Weekend. Especially mention the ACYOA restructuring proposal and ask for their support.

SUSAN: +contact the chapters/parishes of your region and encourage their participation in the Assembly and attendance at the Weekend. Especially mention the restructuring proposal and solicit their support.

ARDA: +prepare listing of chapters who have paid their dues, allowing for Assembly and Weekend participation.
+prepare Council report and send to Jimmie (accomplished).
+check on 70th anniversary of martyrs posters at Diocese - bring to Assembly.
+contact Auditing and Nominating Committees and inform of their duties and what is expected of them.
+meet with Jimmie and review needs, report, etc. (accomplished).

JIMMIE: +prepare delegates packets and send.
+prepare Update and send.
+meet and review progress of Host Committee.
+meet with Arda and review progress.
+prepare Assembly registration checklist for chapters/delegates.
+prepare newsreleases and send to Armenian press.
+send letters to Auditing and Nominating Committees.

Since all Council members are expected to be present at the Assembly on Wednesday, unless notified, the following assignments will be given:

ARDA: +delegate registration - checklists, credential cards, etc.
+prepare credential cards in alphabetical order according to chapters and present to Assembly Secretary for role call.
+assist the Assembly Chairman when necessary, briefing, etc.
+solicit support of restructuring proposal.
+present restructuring proposal.

SONA: +assist Nominating Committee with names, ballots, counting, etc.
+present Council Report.
+solicit support for restructuring proposal.
+present Courtesies for Assembly amendment/approval.

SUSAN: +assist with Assembly registration.
+solicit support for restructuring proposal.
+assist Nominating Committee with names, ballots, counting, etc.

GEORGE: +orientate and assist recording secretary with related duties, names, chapters, etc. Use last year's Minutes as a reference and standard.
+solicit support for restructuring proposal.

SHAKE': +assist with delegate registration.
+assist Auditing Committee and see they are prepared to report as per agenda.

See you at the Assembly in Worcester.


JIMMIE MAGARIAN



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

212 686-0710

October 17, 1990

This is a report of my activities as Interim Executive Secretary of the Armenian Church Youth Organization for September of 1990.

On the 27th of August, I assumed the position of Acting Executive Secretary for an interim period. My responsibilities include coordination of activities for the ACYOA Office, meeting with chapters that host national programs, and recruiting candidates for the position of Executive Secretary.

In September, the ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend started off the Fall schedule. The weekend attracted approximately 700 hundred ACYOA members and friends from the Western Diocese, Canadian Diocese and our Diocese. Over 40 delegates were present at the Assembly meetings, including nine clergy delegates. Chapters represented were Hartford, CT; Boca Raton, FL; Cambridge, MA; Springfield, MA; Watertown, MA; Worcester, MA; Detroit, MI, Fair Lawn, NJ; Bayside, NY; Watervliet, NY; Westchester, NY; Wynnewood, PA Providence, RI; Richmond, VI; and the host chapter of Cleveland, OH.

This year's convention hosted Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian and Rt. Rev. Fr. Hovnan Derderian as guests to our Diocese. Also, Mr. Jerry Tarkanian was present during the weekend, and was the guest speaker at the awards banquet. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mardigian were honorary co-chairman of the weekend, and presented a gift of 50,000.00 dollars in the name of the ACYOA Endowment Fund.

Much of my responsibilities during the weekend included working with the Central Council to assure that all meetings were in order, assisting the Primates with any concerns during the weekend, and working closely with the host chapter to assure that all the events ran smoothly. I was personally responsible for the entertainment.

While in Cleveland, I also meet with St. Gregory of Narek's Parish Council, by invitation of Mrs. Florence Karoghlanian, chairman. I listened to their concerns regarding resouces for the parish youth and young adults.

Much of this past month was spent re-organizing the ACYOA Office. All our files were updated and the ACYOA computer was finally activated. For the first time, the ACYOA Diocesan Office has its own computer, and as of October 14th, the ACYOA National mailing list has been loaded on our computer at headquarters. Over three thousand names and addresses have been imputed, and are updated weekly. Nicole Mazmanian has been working diligently on this project, and our mailing list is finally up-to-date. This was a major issue at this year's ACYOA Assembly, and I do not anticipate any more problems regarding the national mailing list.

On October 2nd, I visited St. George ACYOA in Hartford. Hartford will be hosting the 1991 Sports Weekend and General Assembly. I spoke to a general parish gathering concerning the effort of hosting the ACYOA Assembly and Sports Weekend. Later, I met with the host committee and outlined some concerns the ACYOA had with this year's Sports Weekend, including trophy distribution, public relations and photography, and publicity.

This month, I have held various meetings with Central Council members, persons conducting research studies examining the Diocese and the Diocesan structure, and with Mr. Douglas Tashjian, our former ACYOA Executive Secretary. All these meetings have held to build communication with all branches of our organization.

I anticipate working closely in the coming month with Steve Sarkisian to assist in the development of the future plans for our Diocesan youth and young adult programs. I hope to interest fresh qualified candidtes who are eager to work for the Armenian Church, and for the youth and young adult program.

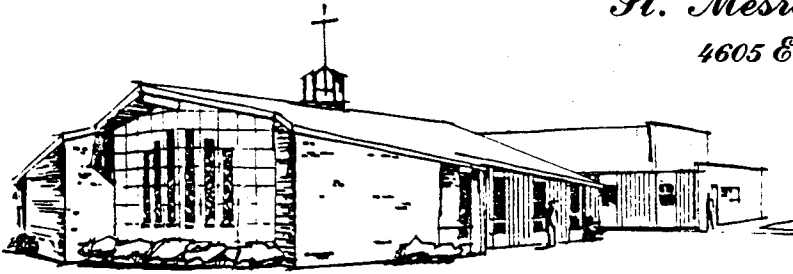
I have also developed a good working relationship with Ms. Nicole Mazmanian, the ACYOA college coordinator. Nicole and I have been working together developing new programs targeted at attracting Armenian college students to Armenian church and cultural issues. Most of these programs are being planned to take place in the Winter and Spring months.

Anthony J. Barsamian, Jr.
Interim Executive Secretary

St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church

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Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian, Pastor

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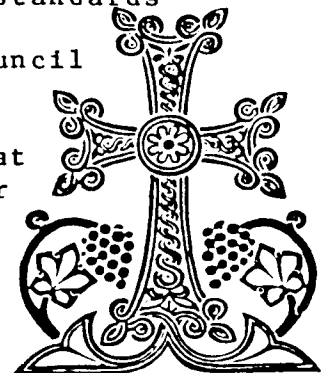
Mr. Anthony Barsamian, Interim Executive Director
ACYOA Seniors
Diocese of The Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Dear Anthony:

First, let me congratulate you on your re-appointment as Interim Director of ACYOA Srs. I know you shall do your utmost to secure a more solid future for our youth.

In the spirit of true Christian love and concern, I am writing to you about the recent Sports Weekend, which the Seniors convened in Cleveland, Ohio. I recently learned that members from my own parish, as well as other Mid-Western Armenian parishes comprised a team(s) for sports competition, had won first place trophies, honors and the glory of the day. I cannot say I was happy. This disturbed me to find this out. Why?

The members from Racine, who participated, are not active in their own community here, nor is there really officially an ACYOA Seniors group of my parish. Many of them, neither pay dues to the National Organization, nor do they lend their hands in the service of the church. I question the Central Council and Sports Weekend Committee criteria for allowing them to compete; the screening of all participants by the "committee", and the eligibility of those who participate in ACYOA Sports. Also, I wonder about the "players" and their commitment to the Church. For this 'victorious' team from the Mid-West; are they truly worthy of the glory and honor given to them on the occasion, are they in compliance with the standards of the ACYOA Seniors -- upholding the integrity of our National Organization? In all honesty, is the Central Council 'proud' to honor these young people? Or, did the dark horse team, unknown of before the weekend, just capture the moment, steal the hour and walk away with an award that will mean nothing to them on October 1st or the days after that and after that, just for the fun of it all?



Mr. Anthony Barsamian,
Interim Executive Director

September 25, 1990
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I thought the Central Council had a tighter grip and a more responsible monitoring of the games. I really think for the future, this issue must be addressed in the light of fairness, justice and fair play to all who compete. It is indeed a reflection of the integrity of our Church's efforts to be the just and fair Christians that we espouse to be or -- at least hope to become through ACYOA.

I am sorry and sad that I must unleash these feelings of dismay on to you at such a critical time, as the ACYOA Seniors journey toward becoming a more model and exemplary group for Armenian Christian Youth in America. But, I feel that unless something is said, this type of deception will eventually corrode and eat away the very fiber of what ACYOA was established for, stands for and hopes to become. To the memory of Abp. Tiran Nersoyan, this and other improprieties must be examined and scrutinized.

Are we that insecure about being honest that our fear tempts and even leads us astray from the path of truth? How will these occurrences affect the quality of what ACYOA aspires to be for our youth? These and other questions surround this problem and I hope that in future years such 'mistakes' will not win first place. The truth and holiness of God can only shine from honest hearts and souls.

Let us not lament that "The Glory of God has departed from Israel (God's chosen), because the Ark of God has been captured." (1 Samuel 4:21)

With my continued prayers,



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