

## ACYOA

### PROPOSAL FOR RESTRUCTURING TO COMPLEMENT REGIONALIZATION IN THE DIOCESE.

#### Introduction:

The Diocese of the Armenian Church has initiated its master plan for regionalization. This is a result of many years of study and research to find the most effective way of administering to the needs of the faithful spread out in the Eastern and Midwestern parts of the United States.

The Proposal for the ACYOA is aimed at complementing the Diocesan plan, as well as improve and initiate an efficient method of developing and executing programs for the young people of the Diocese.

The Diocesan regionalization project has already begun in the New England area and will soon be started in other areas of the Diocese. The "Region" has its various committees, coordinators, etc., etc., supervising the activities of the Departments of Religious Education, Social Services, Finances, Liturgical Education, Public Relations, Ethnic Studies, General Programming, as well as Youth Development. Within this structure, the ACYOA will function with its own regional emphasis, complementing the work and efforts of the other regional departments.

#### General Proposal:

That the ACYOA be restructured to complement the Diocesan regionalization project, with the following objectives.

#### OBJECTIVES:

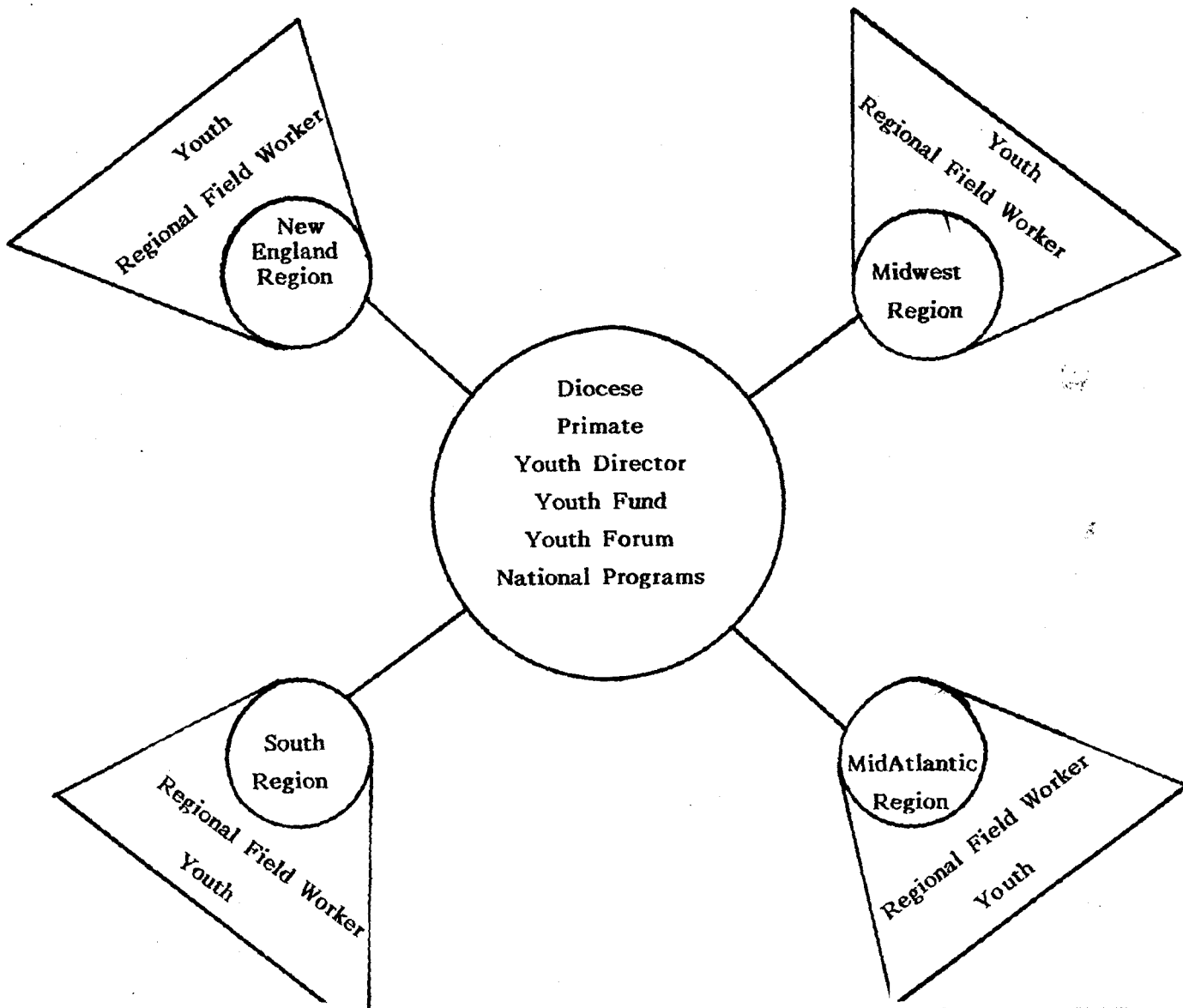
1. To request the Diocese hire **regional field workers** who will address the following, among others: regional programming of educational series, retreats, athletics, recreation, art competitions, outings, picnics, college campus activities, seminars, etc.
2. To restructure the present ACYOA administration (Central Council and General Assembly) into the following:
  - a) Each parish will have an ACYOA Chapter which will follow the basics of the present ACYOA Constitution insofar as it speaks to the local parish situation.
  - b) Each parish will appoint or elect 2 **parish youth representatives** who will represent the parish at regional conferences.
  - c) **Regional conferences** will convene at least twice a year for the purpose of interaction, discussion on regional programming, solving problems, sharing resources, and developing the region. The conference will also appoint or elect a **regional representative**, who, together with the Regional Field Worker, will represent the region at the Annual Diocesan Youth Forum.
  - d) Annually, the Diocese will sponsor a **youth forum** which will provide an opportunity for the young people of the Diocese to assemble for the purposes of participating in discussions, conferring on problems, seminars, workshops, religious and cultural programs, as well as a general "youth forum" to exchange ideas on new programs and projects.

3. To utilize the ACYOA Constitution on the local parish/chapter level only. On the regional and national levels, governing rules and regulations will be administered through specific programming needs. (i.e. National Sports Weekend Rules and Regulations would govern this specific program.) As programs are developed, specific rules will be set up specific for the program.
4. To request the Diocese set up a "youth fund" that will be used to finance youth related programs, workers, directors, administration, etc. The Diocesan Offices would handle all bookkeeping.
5. To turn over to the Diocese, specifically the Youth Fund, all funds and assets of the ACYOA. These funds would be used to help cover some of the costs of the new structure, as well as pay for regional field workers. The present system of dividing profits from national (one half) programs, and regional (one quarter) programs with the host parish or chapter would remain the same.

**Transition:**

The ACYOA Central Council will focus their efforts over the next year in setting up the aforementioned points and objectives, whereafter the new structure would be initiated.

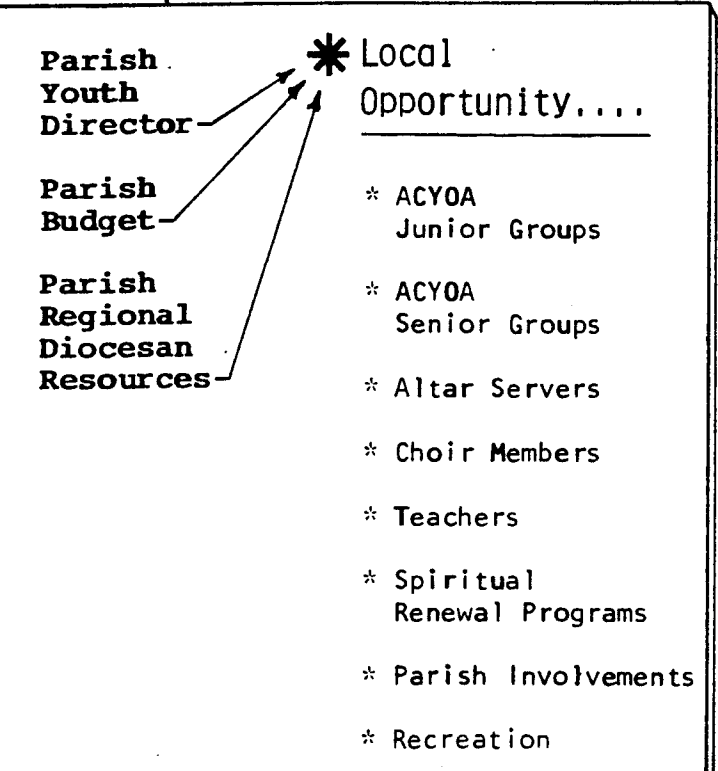
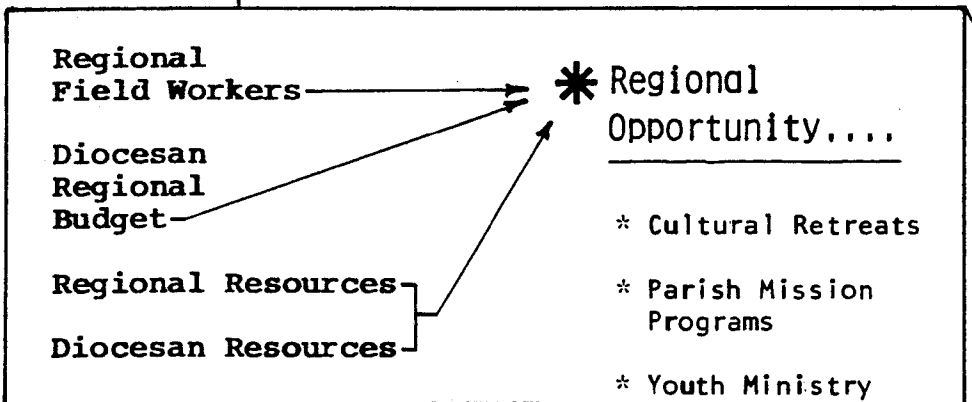
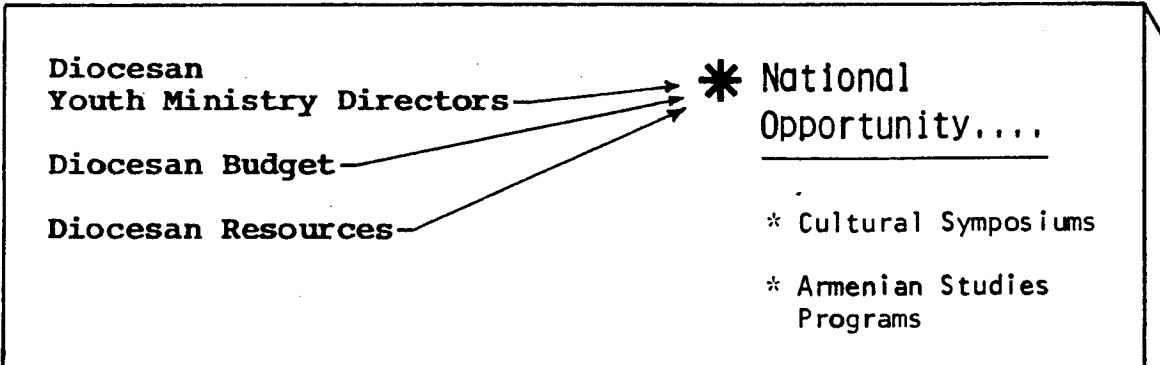
*POSSIBLE CHART SET UP*  
*MOST BASIC COMPONENTS*



# YOUTH MINISTRY

The Diocesan Department of Youth Ministry will primarily concern itself with "creating opportunity" for young people to relate and participate in the Armenian Church and community. These opportunities will take place on the national, regional and local levels of the Diocese, and will include religious, cultural, athletic and social programs and projects.

POSSIBLE CHART FORM



- \* Cultural Symposiums
- \* Armenian Studies Programs
- \* Forums for Youth
- \* Archbishop's Basketball Tournament
- \* Saint Vartan Camp
- \* "INTERIM" Youth Ministry Training
- \* Saint Nersess Summer Conferences
- \* Youth Ministry Day-Workshops
- \* Art Symposiums
- \* Youth Exchange with Armenians Abroad
- \* Leadership Seminars
- \* Sports Weekends
- \* Cultural Retreats
- \* Parish Mission Programs
- \* Youth Ministry Seminars
- \* Recreation Programs
- \* Campus Ministry
- \* Religious Retreats
- \* Youth Conferences
- \* Sports Weekends