

# Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

22 September 82

TO: All Parishes and ACYOA Chapters

SUBJECT: Newly Elected ACYOA Central Council, and  
Regional Parish Assignments

We are happy to announce the following as members of the ACYOA Central Council for the 1982-1983 ACYOA year:

Chairman	Susan Mousigian (Detroit)
Vice Chairman	Gary Hovhannessian (New Britain)
Treasurer	Ralph DerAsadourian (Evanston)
Corresponding Secretary	Vaughn Totovian (Watertown)
Recording Secretary	Melanie Barsamian (Worcester)

We are confident in their abilities to maintain the operations of the ACYOA, and ask your full cooperation and assistance to help them perform their duties.

Enclosed is an address listing of the Council members, as well as a breakdown of the regions (parishes) they are assigned to represent and work with during the year.

ACYOA Central Council members shall make visitations to the various parishes in their respective regions, and when possible, accompany the Executive Secretary. The purpose of the visitation is to help, advise and support existing ACYOA Chapters, as well as assist in establishing new chapters. One of our goals this year is to bring in more functioning chapters, and, more youth into the many programs offered by the National Organization.

We sincerely ask that all parishes make a concerted effort to bring together all their youth into the official Armenian Youth Program of the Diocese - the ACYOA. We are planning an exciting year with opportunities for involvement, participation, enjoyment and learning.

Through all our efforts, our youth will mature into a faithfilled, aware, and responsive generation, sensitive to the needs of the Church.

Please contact the Executive Secretary, or your ACYOA Central Council Representative, if you have new ideas, or wish a visitation to help the youth in your parish. We are always happy to hear from you.



Central Council

Sincerely,  
*James Magarian*  
JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary  
ACYOA

# Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

10 December 82

TO: All Pastors and ACYOA Chapters  
SUBJECT: ACYOA Dues to the National Treasury

Membership dues to the ACYOA on the national level have been increased this year from \$5.00 to \$7.00 for renewing members. This was decided at the 1982 ACYOA General Assembly in Hartford, CT. The initiation fee (minimum of one dollar) for new members remains in effect. Therefore, please be advised of the following regarding payment of dues:

- (1) Renewal dues (previous members) is \$7.00 and covers July 1st, 1982 to June 30th, 1983. THESE ARE DUE JANUARY 1ST. Note that late dues are subject to a \$25.00 delinquency fee, to be paid by the Chapter.
- (2) Dues from new members (including the initiation fee) is \$8.00 and covers the same period as above. New membership dues collected from July to December are DUE JANUARY 1ST, along with the renewal dues.
- (3) After January 1st, all dues collected should reflect the additional initiation fee, and are DUE JUNE 30TH. [Renewal period ends Jan.1st]
- (4) The "Membership Renewal Form" should be used for previous members who have a Membership Application Form on file with the ACYOA Central Council. Please fill it out completely - follow directions on form!
- (5) All new members to the Organization must fill out the Application Form.
- (6) Official ACYOA Membership Cards shall be mailed directly to all dues paid members of the ACYOA. The Cards will again be used for discounts and special considerations for all ACYOA Regional and National Events.
- (7) Mail your:
  - \*RENEWAL FORMS
  - \*APPLICATION FORMS
  - \*RENEWAL DUES
  - \*NEW DUES

To:  
Ralph DerAsadourian  
Treasurer - ACYOA Central Council  
29720 North Bayshore Drive  
Lake Bluff, IL 60044  
[312-234-3951]
- (8) Membership dues [or the number of members reflected by the dues] is for designating the number of delegates your chapter may send to the General Assembly, as well as your legitimate participation in the National Sports Weekend.



*James Magarian*  
JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

Diocese of the Armenian Church

Central Council

# Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

10 December 82

TO: All Pastors and ACYOA Chapters  
SUBJECT: 1983 Archbishop's Essay Contest

The Archbishop's Essay Contest will again take place this year. We highly encourage you as a Pastor, or, ACYOA Chapter Executive, to promote this program whereby members may participate in and compete for the beautiful awards that are given to the winners.

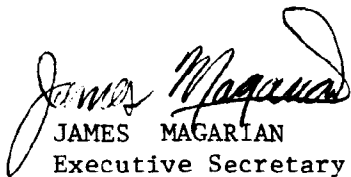
This Contest is offered to everyone, but especially for those who are interested in "other-than athletic competitions". We invited those with both literary and non-literary or journalistic abilities to participate.

The basic guidelines for the Contest are simple: The writer must choose an Armenian theme (any theme); write at least 500 words, but no more than 1,000; document any quotes or direct references; write in either the Armenian or English language; and type the essay using double space. [See the enclosed sheet regarding other details of the Contest.]

If you know of any one who is interested, please urge them to participate. Additional guidelines are available from the Executive Secretary. The Contest is open to everyone, and runs from January 1st to May 30th.

The Archbishop's Essay Contest Awards are presented to the winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd in each language category) at the Awards Banquet of the Annual National Sports Weekend. Winners are notified by July 15th, so that they may be on hand at the Sports Weekend site. [Toronto - 1983]

First Place winners will be published.

  
JAMES MACARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church



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

10 December 82

TO: All Pastors and ACYOA Chapters

SUBJECT: General Announcements

- [1] Plans to promote and solicit participants for the 1983 ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs should begin in all parishes and chapters. Although the summer is six months away, applications for Program One, which must be accompanied by a valid passport, are due before APRIL. More information will be forthcoming to all parishes, chapters and individuals soon regarding the Three Programs offered.
- [2] 1983 ACYOA General Assembly and National Sports Weekend:  
August 31 through September 5 - Toronto, Canada.
- [3] 1983 ACYOA Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament:  
April 15-17 - Detroit, MI. The Tournament is open to all parishes of the Diocese, with or without active ACYOA Chapters. There is no age restriction on the team players - only that they are members of the Armenian Church. The weekend-style event will include an Awards Banquet and various social activities.
- [4] The Executive Update, a newsletter-bulletin about the ACYOA prepared by the Executive Secretary, and previously sent to all Pastors/Parishes and ACYOA Chapter Chairmen, is now being sent to all Armenian youth on the National Master Mailing List of Armenian youth. The December issue of the periodical published every 5 to 7 weeks, initiates this new procedure.
- [5] Chapters seem to have forgotten about the GENERAL ARMENIAN YOUTH LISTING which is suppose to include the names of all Armenian youth residing within the Diocese of the Armenian Church - USA and Canada. We can only expand our mailing list with the cooperation of all Chapters. Please consult your Regional Representative and your Chapter Handbook for details.
- [6] ACYOA Audio-Visual Educational Programs in development include: "Jerusalem - An Armenian Perspective," and, "Marriage in the Armenian Church." The Executive Secretary is revising his own program on Jerusalem and giving it to the ACYOA as part of the Audio-Visual library. Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian (Racine) is assisting in the Marriage program.

The Symbolism Program, is available to all Chapters and Parishes - every chapter should present this program to their membership and parish this year. It's well worth it.



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

Central Council

# Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

10 December 82

TO: All Pastors and ACYOA CHAPTERS  
SUBJECT: ACYOA PROMOTIONAL POSTERS AND PAMPHLETS

Those who attended the 1982 ACYOA General Assembly in Hartford this year were introduced to the new posters promoting ACYOA. The purpose of the posters is to provide some superficial visibility of the ACYOA. The posters should be placed in a prominent area where people coming to the Church or Cultural Center will notice.

Poster One features the traditional Emblem of the ACYOA, redrawn and enlarged to 22" by 28". (Additional color may be added to both posters with water-color marker.)

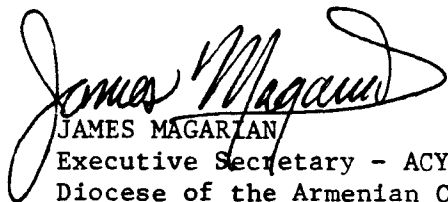
Poster Two displays a familiar map of Armenia, with a new twist that is sure to catch the eye of the members of your local Armenian Community. This poster is also 22" by 28", but features a "pocket" for ACYOA Today pamphlets. The pamphlets include a brief on the Organization and the many programs that are designed to attract Armenian youth with a wide variety of interests.

We know that many of the delegates to the Assembly took posters for their respective parishes, however there were many parishes not represented, or, forgotten, as we have many posters left over.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE ONE OR BOTH OF THE POSTERS, PLEASE CONTACT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE ACYOA BY WRITING TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: 99 Long Pond Road, Tyngsborough, MA 01879 (617-256-7234 office).

We would like to see our posters and pamphlets in the lobbies and other appropriate places in all the parishes of the Diocese.

Thank you for your cooperation.

  
JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church



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

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

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

Shake Ajamian  
15 Arjay Lane  
Commack, NY 11725

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

## ISSUES

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

Sincerely,

*Gary Townsend*  
Gary Townsend

cc: Vicar General  
Executive Secretary  
C.C. Members



Central Council

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



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

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

31 December 85

TO: All Parishes & ACYOA Chapters

SUBJECT: 1986 ACYOA General Assembly  
1986 ACYOA National Sports Weekend

SITE: Adam's Mark Hotel, Philadelphia, PA

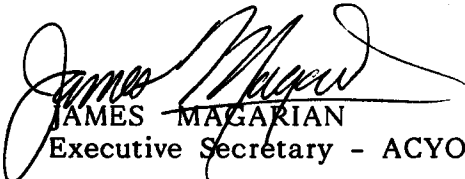
HOST: Wynnewood ACYOA Chapter  
Saints Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church

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

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

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

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

  
JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

---

PLEASE POST. PLEASE POST. PLEASE POST. PLEASE POST.

---