

Schedule for Regional Meetings -- Spring 1972

1. Friday March 10, 7:30 pm, followed by light refreshments.  
At the Springfield Church,  
Participants: Hartford, New Britain, Providence, Springfield, Troy,  
Worcester.
2. Saturday, March 11, 1:00 pm, preceded by a light lunch.  
At the Watertown Church,  
Participants: Cambridge, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell, Watertown.
3. Sunday, March 12, 4:00 pm, followed by a light dinner.  
At the Cheltenham Church,  
Participants: Cheltenham, Washington, D.C., Wynnewood.
4. Tuesday, March 14, 8:00 pm, followed by light refreshments.  
At Diocesan Headquarters,  
Participants: Bridgeport, New York's Holy Cross, Holy Martyrs, St.  
Gregory.
5. Thursday, March 16, 8:00 pm, followed by light refreshments.  
At the Fair Lawn Church,  
Participants: Asbury Park, Fair Lawn, Newark, Tenafly, Union City.
6. Friday, March 17, 8:00 pm, followed by light refreshments.  
At the Racine Church,  
Participants: Racine, S. Milwaukee, Waukegan, West Allis.
7. Saturday, March 18, 3:00 pm, preceded by light lunch.  
At the Chicago Church,  
Participants: Chicago, East St. Louis, Evanston, West Pullman.
8. Sunday, March 19, 4:00 pm, followed by light refreshments.  
At the Detroit Church,  
Participants: Cleveland, Detroit.
9. Saturday, March 25, 2:00 pm, followed by light refreshments.  
At the Niagara Falls Church,  
Participants: Niagara Falls, Syracuse, St. Catharines, Toronto.

Separate: Miami, Montreal, Richmond, Binghamton

Note: Should other communities be invited, such as Westchester, etc.

REGIONAL MEETING OF THE DIOCESE AT ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH MARCH 17, 1972

PRESENT: His Grace Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Jack Antreassian-Executive Director of the Diocese, Rev. D. Davidian, Member of Diocesan Council

Racine Parish Council with Rev. Guregh Yetenegian, South Milwaukee Parish Council with Vy. Rev. Vazken Kechichian, Greenfield Parish Council with Rev. Paree Metjian, and Diocesan delegates from the three parishes.

Meeting opened with a prayer from Arachnort Surpazan Hayr. Jack Antreassian chaired the meeting, and Grace Hadjinian took minutes. First item on the agenda with the budget of the Diocese. Jack passed out copies of the proposed budget for 1972 for comment. He explained the Diocese is showing a \$90,000 deficit, and he entertained any questions from the floor. Publication of the Armenian Church in English and Armenian was discussed, and he said there was some indication that it would be discontinued because of rising costs. They have allotted \$17,000 this year, but if the Assembly chooses to continue to print it, the cost could go to \$25,000. Rose Akgulian commented that the actual expenditure of Salaries was cut. Surpazan Hayr said this was due to the Vicar resigning in June. Question was asked why the Diocese was not operating in the red before this year. Jack explained when St. Gregory Church in New York was sold, there was a reserve fund of \$80,000 which was to be used if they would relocate. Inasmuch as they did not, the money was turned over to the Diocese, but there are no longer any reserves from this fund. Therefore, he said, we must find a way to raise the money to erase this deficit, or cut the budget.

Question was asked why salaries was listed in two places. His Grace explained the one expense went for administrative purposes, and the other for operating the complex.

Question by Sarkis Tchejyan if the local churches are not carrying enough insurance, would the Diocese be held liable. Jack said it was up to each Parish to see that they are amply covered, but Surpazan Hayr said he would like to discuss the matter further at the end of the meeting. Jack said to study the budget, discuss it further during the month, and if there are any questions, they can be brought up at the hearings before the Assembly. Rose A. asked if they had reached the saturation point for resources from the Churches around the Cathedral who have access to it. Surpazan Hayr said he wishes that the Churches in the area would take extra advantage of the Cathedral, but they do not.

Father Dajad said in the \$208,000 anticipated income, everything but the parish dues comes from the local area, and 25% of the Diocesan assessments come from the local area. Question was asked if we could have a copy of the formula used to evaluate each church's assessment. Jack explained:

- 50% is based on the total income of the church minus mortgage payments
- 25% is based on membership of the parish
- 15% is based on size of the community based on mailing list
- 10% is based on presence of clergyman-permanent or other

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Father Paree said what about the parishes who have a great number of Armenians, but they are not a working parish, it does not have all these people as members so then this scale is not accurate. But in the meantime, The Church is providing services to those persons. Jack answered if the membership is low, the Church will be paying less assessment.

Hayr Soorp Vasken corrected Jack and said he believed the formula was 50% on the entire income, 25% membership, 10% on the mailing list, and 15% on presence of a clergyman. Jack stood corrected.

Rose A. asked how they justified the assessments between Montreal and Racine Churches. Answer was that Montreal has a large mortgage. Jack said if anyone had a better suggestion for a new formula, they would welcome it. Grace H. asked if it would be possible to change the percentages, and Jack said it would. Question if at the Assembly meeting, a list would be published showing the number of members from each parish. Jack said they have asked for this information from each parish.

In electing delegates, there is one exception. This year if a church has 201 members and they have elected two delegates, and next year they have 250 members, they would be eligible for three delegates, but you cannot elect the third delegate until the term expires, or every four years. Jack said in 1973 they are planning to re-organize the 4 groups because some memberships have decreased and some have increased, and there will be some changes made.

Archie asked whether in determining the number of Armenians in the community the fact that South Milwaukee has many retirees was taken into consideration. Jack said they would not have any knowledge of how many retirees there are in each parish.

Surpazan Hayr added that all the items in the budget are existing items and always have existed. One area where a cut probably can be made is in the Christmas bonus. However, they offer no fringe benefits, and this compensates for it. Jack said it is a huge budget which started four years ago, and the only ways the budget can be cut is by changing the whole structure of our Church, and by cutting out the Armenian Church, but then there will not be a Diocese headquarters. In order to defray this deficit the Diocese has come up with several alternatives. One is a big scale lottery. The plan is to print 1500 tickets to sell for \$100 each. Each ticket can be shared by two to three people. The total income would be \$150,000, and the cost about \$40,000. He said they would hold off distributing these tickets for three to four weeks until all parishes have had a chance to discuss what method they would like to use, and they might even wait for the Assembly. Someone suggested it might be illegal to have a lottery in Wisconsin, but since it was not organized in Wisconsin, and it was a donation, it would be okay. Question asked whether it would not be a better idea just to raise the assessments.

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Jack said he would like to hear all views on the subject. The distribution of tickets would be Racine 25, Waukegan 10, So. Milwaukee 20, and West Allis 10. 200 tickets would remain at the Diocese for sale within the office. If we choose to increase our assessments, each parish will be paying 70% of their present dues. Jack said if it were left to the Assembly, they can choose any method. Sarkis T. suggested they raise the assessments. Nazar H. asked how they will take care of the deficit next year. Jack said there will be a \$1,000,000 campaign next year for the 75th anniversary of the Diocese. Father Dajad said the easy way for the Diocese is to assess each Church. Father Paree suggested leaving it up to each Parish, but it was explained this wasn't feasible.

Archie said it seemed not enough credit was given to the parishes when they meet their financial goals, such as the last deficit fund. Jack said a letter of thanks was written to each parish that met their goal, and it will be published in the annual report. Nazar H. was in favor of distributing the tickets, because they can be sold to the outsiders not only Armenians. Mike Garoukian was against the lottery. Vote was taken and West Allis Parish voted yes only (2 votes).

Surpazan Hayr made a suggestion that we carry out the project anyway and start this year working on the 1973 year at which time we will face another deficit. The \$1,000,000 project will not help us out for 1972. He is in favor of getting money from the non-Armenians. Jack said with this year's Assembly, they hope to have a rough draft of 1973 budget so the Assembly might possibly approve it.

Next item on the agenda was programs with relationship to finances.

1. Create an Artist Committee in the hope of starting a fund for arts and music so it will not be a burden for the Diocese.
2. Book Store. It is very evident that this is a big source of income. Last year they netted \$17,000. They now have an inventory of \$36,000, and he invited parishes to involve themselves with the book store.

## 2. 75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE

This will occur next year. The Diocesan committee will make plans to celebrate this in fashion, and there will be formal announcement at the Assembly by the Primate. They plan to celebrate in 4 ways:

1. publication of a book showing history of our Churches. He urged all chairmen to send this information to him.
2. documentary film of the Diocese
3. invitation to Vehapar to visit us.
4. institute a drive for \$1,000,000. This money is to be used by Diocese for programs and expenses.

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Mike Garoukian said we have a Cathedral which is heavily in debt, we are trying to figure out how to raise \$90,000, and now we are talking about raising \$1,000,000. Surpazan Hayr said we have to teach our people that they can deduct these donations from their taxes. Rose A. complained that from top on down, we spend our time raising money. Surpazan Hayr repeated we have need for stewardship programs, and this should start from the parishes. This means teaching our people to give of their own freely according to their ability. Our people are not educated. If we do not have qualified persons amongst us, we should get outsiders to do this.

### 3. PROGRAMS

They are forming an educational council. They will concern themselves with Armenian schools, and they are preparing a first rate text. They are coordinating their work with the AGBU. They are preparing a series of tapes which will be distributed with the text books. There will be teacher conferences and personal visits from members of the committee to help whenever they can.

Museum in the Diocese. There are two exhibits, and they are trying to accumulate valuable objects. Annual dues from \$25 to \$100, and in this way they hope to attract money. This museum can be important to our parishes. The exhibits are available for local use, and the only cost is transportation of the items.

### 4. ASSEMBLY

a. Ladies Conference. The Council is planning a ladies conference. Ladies play an important part in our lives and their by-laws state they should have an annual conference. They are leaving it up to the individual parishes. Father Dajad said they were trying to create an environment that will encourage the ladies and youth to attend the Assembly.

b. Thursday evening and Friday morning of the Assembly they will have hearings on the budget and proposals in order to bring our activities closer to our parish council chairman. At these hearings everyone will have a voice, but no decisions will be made. Ladies will be welcome.

There is one other item on the agenda. Parish Questions.

S. Akgulian asked what was being done for the youth. He said the youth problem has been in a state of flux. Father Dajad said the Diocesan Council has recently created a youth committee. There are 2-3 people from the Northeast, 2-3 from the Midwest, and one from New York. They have had one meeting with Father Dajad present, and they have presented their recommendations to the Diocese Council. Tomorrow, in Detroit, the ACYO is

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having a national conference, and on the agenda is the report of the youth committee. Our senior ACYO is inactive, and he is in the hopes that the committee will recommend separating the Juniors from the Seniors. Each parish will have their own youth committee, and they will basically be under the Parish Council and Parish Priest. They are trying to resurrect young adult groups. He said they are hoping to assemble the youth at the Assembly also, and come up with a resolution so that a decision can be made right away.

Surpazan Hayr said everyone going to the Assembly including the clergy should fill out the questionnaire which was sent to them and return it to Jack as soon as possible.

Sarkis T. commented that these regional meetings were very commendable. Father Dajad brought up the subject of the use of English in the Armenian Church Badarak, and he believed we should get more positive direction in this area, and also an appropriate translation. Surpazan Hayr said he could see the need. At the same time there is a definite difficulty in going one way or the other. If we change it to English it will not be fair to those who do not understand. Today we are concerned with the youth, and they do not understand. His conclusion is the need should come from the congregations, and it should be experienced. There should be a genuine need. He means by genuine need that different individuals should go to the Parish Priest and say they want to pray. There should be a spiritual need. His suggestion is to the priest to make preparation in the language the group understand, and at this stage, it should not be on Sundays. Mike G. said the purpose of changing the service to English is to get people to church on Sundays. Another day will not be effective. Rose A. said she would appreciate a stronger statement so they can ask these questions without feeling they are doing something wrong. She suggested a survey be made of the entire membership. Grace H. said she objected to the service being changed to English.

Father Paree said the Primate Jubilee Day will be in June for the Midwest. He suggested that rather than go to Chicago, the three Wisconsin churches work together. Jack said they can, but Surpazan Hayr cannot be here before Summer. If there is another appropriate day we should let him know.

Surpazan Hayr had one last comment. It had to do with Senior Citizens. Housing program. It was suggested that parishes with enough land to build an apartment house to help our senior citizens, they should do so. Singles or couples on social security can enjoy living and take care of themselves and yet be close to the church. The size of the unit should be according to the number of people in the parish. They will be close to the Church so they can attend all functions. There is an Armenian who is doing this work for others, and he has a suggested proposal with no cost to the Churches. He suggested each Parish think this over and if there is any interest he can have the man directly communicate with us.

Meeting ended with a prayer at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully,

*David Hodgson*

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

Regional Meeting

St. Leon's Church, Fairlawn, N.J.

March 16, 1972

Time: 8:10

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jack Antreassian. Opening prayer was offered by Surpazan Hayr.

A printed budget was offered to the body for study. The formula for determining the assesment was discussed by the body. The determining factors are as follows:

- 50% of the parishes total income, less mortgage payment.
- 25% for membership
- 15% for size of community
- 10% for available clergy

The difference in expenditures for the building service contracts from 1971 until 1972 should be rechecked.

Of the \$60,000 deficit assesment to the parishes, \$32,000 has been received/ an additional \$4,000 was received this week and an additional \$7,000 to \$8,000 is expected soon.

A lottery system was presented to the body in which 1500 certificates at \$100 each would be allotted to the various parishes. The Chairman was seeking the feelings of members present on raising funds by means of this lottery or increase assesments of the parishes. Ways and means of raising funds were discussed in full. After thoroughly discussing the deficit a general approval was granted on the lottery system. Der Hayr of Holy Cross, Union City cannot guarantee sale of 50 Certificates allotted to his parish.

There will be a \$100 a plate dinner to defray costs for the Pro-Musica programs.

It is hopeful that the rooms available will be rented in the near future for added income.

At the Annual Assembly a committee will be appointed to gather historical facts pertaining to the 75th anniversary of the Diocese. It was requested that any artifacts pertaining to this celebration which are available from any of the parishes would be greatly appreciated. During this celebration a \$1,000,000 dollar trust fund shall be established for the care of the Cathedral and cultural center. An endowment fund committee shall also be formed.

The Educational council has announced new text books on Armenian language with accompanying tapes.

The Council for Religious Education shall have one or two new books by the Fall on our religion for teacher training.

The diocese museum has developed to a degree where its services are available to all parishes on request.

It was recommended that area Clergy spend a few days at the Diocese to become more fully understanding of the workings of the Diocese.

An attempt will be made to make the Annual Assembly more interesting for the delegates.

A ladies conference will be held at the Assembly on Thurs. May 4th.

Budget and Proposal hearings will be held on Thurs. Evening May 4th and Friday Morning May 5th.

For the week following April 14th will be our Diocese Festival week.

May 21st we will celebrate our Primates Jubilee anniversary.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 P.M. Closing prayer was offered by Surpazan Hayr.

Respectfully submitted

  
James Soojian



REGIONAL MEETING  
March 10, 1972  
Springfield, Massachusetts

After prayers by Srpazan Hayr, Art Simonian, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M. with representatives from Troy, N.Y., New Britain and Hartford, Connecticut, Springfield and Worcester present. Representatives from Providence, Rhode Island arrived later. A roster of those present is attached.

The Chair and Jack Antreassian briefly reviewed the emergency meetings called last Fall and it was reported that 25 parishes had responded for a total of \$35,000. This region collected \$5,445 as follows:

Troy, N.Y.	\$1,000.00
Hartford, Conn.	300.00
Providence, R.I.	3,000.00
Worcester, Mass.	1,000.00
Springfield, Mass.	145.00
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	\$5,445.00

A full report will be given at the Diocesan Convention in Troy, New York.

The meeting then turned to the agenda, copy attached.

1. Finances

A. Budget: Copies of the budget were distributed to all. Mr. Antreassian pointed out the fact that it was proposed to print "The Armenian Church" and "Hayastanyatz Yeghesti" on a quarterly basis to reduce costs. Further, it was noted that a deficit budget was proposed and the shortage was \$90,000. After some discussion, John Maljanian of New Britain moved that the Diocese prepare a two year budget, the 1st year firm, the 2nd year planning; seconded by Guy Bedrosian of Hartford. Motion was approved unanimously.

After some discussion regarding the authority of the Regional Meeting, the previous motion was amended to read that this meeting forward this recommendation to the Diocesan Council. Approved unanimously.

B. Stewardship: Mr. Antreassian reported that a committee on Stewardship had been appointed and was actively at work. A recommendation from the committee to conduct a raffle as an interim measure to offset the deficit was in progress; 1500 tickets to be sold at \$100 each with prizes in excess of \$40,000 leaving over \$100,000 as a gain.

This lead to a lengthy discussion on Stewardship and Raffles and Srpazan Hayr commented that the raffle was only a temporary means of raising funds; the committee was working on a true stewardship plan and that we would hear from the Springfield Church later regarding their experience in this field. Further discussion followed and it was requested that the Secretary note that there were mixed feelings on this issue of raffles and stewardship. Tickets were allocated as follows:

Providence	70	Hartford	15
Worcester	80	Troy	20
Springfield	10	New Britain	15

Father nerses Jebejian then briefly commented on the Stewardship efforts of the Springfield Church and asked Harry Demirjian to present particulars. The objectives were to:

1. Improve communications
2. Improve participation
3. Get signed pledge and distribute envelopes

A team of 24 parishioners met and held training sessions under the leadership of Canon Crockett. Later in 12 teams of 2 each they visited the parishioners. Excellent rapport was established, 3 out of 5 visited increased contributions, and good communications are in effect. Dr. Vasken Parsegian moved that the meeting request the Springfield Parish Council summarize its activities and results and forward them to the Stewardship Committee at the Diocese, seconded by Harry Sogigian, unanimously approved.

C. Programs: Events that are being planned include:

1. Tours to Armenia
2. Diocesan Book Store
3. \$100 Plate Dinner of Art and Music Programs

It was noted that over \$17,000 had been realized from the book store in 1971. It was strongly recommended each parish set up facilities to sell books and other articles that are available through the Diocese.

Mr. Jacob Hagopian suggested the Diocese consider Choir Robe replacement as another means of raising funds.

## 2. 75th Anniversary of Diocese

1973 is the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese. Many events are planned for throughout the year in the Diocese. Hope to establish a one million dollar trust fund for the Diocese.

## 3. Programs

There are musical presentations, shows, plays and exhibits that may be arranged through the Diocese for presentation in the parishes. A bulletin was sent to the parishes about a month ago.

Educational Council is active and will visit parishes and publish books for Armenian Schools.

Council for Religious Education is also active, and has published three books in 1971, more to follow as well as audio-visual aids for Sunday Schools.

Clergy Program - Primate to have Clergy visit Diocese for 2-3 days and see first hand its operation and so be better informed and carry this message back to the Parish.

St. Nerses - Crash program in August for Armenian.

Youth Programs - ACYOA to go to Armenia for a month.

4. Assembly

- A. Women's Auxiliary Organizations to have meetings at the Diocesan Convention.
- B. All proposals must be submitted on time.
- C. Hearings will be conducted by the Diocesan Council on the Budget and Proposals. They are open to all.

There follows a period of general discussion during which time Father Nerses Jebejian made a point regarding the lack of stated qualifications for persons to be elected to the Parish Council. He also asked the Parishes to support the ACYOA Regional Activities.

A suggestion was made to have the fiscal year of the church auxiliary organizations changed to facilitate year end preparations for the Annual Parish Assembly.

Finally, the Providence delegation proposed future meetings of the Regional Council be held in Worcester.

The meeting adjourned after prayers by Srpazan Hayr at 10:30 P.M.

Gilbert Markarian  
Secretary

Archbishop Torcom Manoogian  
Jack Antreassian

Art Simonian  
Gilbert Markarian  
Rev. Vartan Assadourian  
Manoog Bagdigian  
John Maljanian  
Haig Garabedian  
Guy H. Bedrosian  
Rev. Nerses Jebejian  
Harry Demirjian  
Jack Boyajian  
Adam Simonian  
Mardy Azarian  
Harry Zeroogian  
Harold Gregory  
Rev. Garen Gdanian  
V. L. Parsegian  
Harry Sogigian  
Philip Natcharian  
Mark Manoukian  
Leo C. Sogean  
John Michoian  
Charles H. Garabedian  
Jacob Hagopian  
Rev. Muron Gurjikian  
Zarvin Kasparian  
Bart Bagdasarian  
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Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

REGIONAL MEETINGS

March 10- March 25, 1972

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4. Assembly
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Issues presented by participants  
concerning churches in area.

February 11, 1972

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ST. SAKIS ARMENIAN CHURCH  
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK  
MARCH 25th, 1972

Arbp. Torkom Manoogian opened the regional conference with a prayer at 2:00 PM in Niagara Falls, New York on Saturday March 25, 1972. The regions included were Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, Toronto and Syracuse.

Present at the meeting were:

Arbp. Torkom Manoogian  
Very Rev. Jirar Tashjian Toronto  
Jack Antreassian, Diocesan Rep.  
6 Parish Council members from St. Catharines  
2 " " " " " Syracuse  
8 " " " " " Niagara Falls  
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**BUDGET:** Mr. Antreassian handed out to each member a copy of the proposed 1973 budget which will be presented to the Assembly in Watervliet, N. Y. It was noted that this was the first time an advance presentation of the budget had ever been given to Parish Council members before an annual assembly. The following discussion was had on this budget:

- A. **PARISH ASSESSMENTS:** Much discussion was had on the new increased assessments. The Canadian members claimed that the standard of living in Canada was less than the American therefore special consideration should be given to this factor in assessing them.
- B. **\$90,000.00 DEFICIT:** Listed below are two plans in the offing to offset this deficit:
1. A 70% increase in Assessments.
  2. Conduct a big lottery limiting tickets to 1,000 sales. Tickets would be called patron certificates costing \$100.00 each. These tickets would be distributed as follows:  
( 5 ) to Niagara Falls  
( 5 ) " St. Catharines  
( 5 ) " Syracuse  
(20) " Toronto

Much discussion followed pro & con by the various Parish members, saying that this wasn't an equitable solution.....and the morality issue was brought up. Mr. Antreassian asked for a sample poll for this lottery. The result of this poll was 10 for and 10 against the lottery. Mr. Antreassian stated that the Diocese has taken a firm stand in favor of this lottery but the final decision will be by vote at the Diocesan Assembly in May.

**PROGRAMS FRO GENERATING MONEY ARE:**

1. New Diary
2. \$100.00 Plate Banquet
3. The Book Store
4. Tour to Armenia

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT IN 1898 OF THE DIOCESE IN NORTH AMERICA: The following are a few plans to be announced at the assembly to celebrate this auspicious occasion.

1. Publication of a book of the history of our Diocese including our various parishes.
2. A cultural exchange with groups from Armenia
3. An invitation to His Eminence Vaskin I to be present at the anniversary celebration.
4. A campaign to establish a trust fund for our budgetary means.
5. Preparation of a documentary film of the Armenian Diocese since its beginning.

A committee will be formed in June to establish dates as to when each Parish should be celebrating this happy occasion. This announcement will be made at the Diocesan Assembly too.

VARIOUS PROGRAMS:

1. An endowment fund whereby income can be secured to maintain religious, & educational programs from the Cathedral plus the maintenance of same.
2. The Educational Council and CRE are in the process of formulating new techniques in teaching Sunday Schools i.e. visual aids cassettes, publishing of new books just found for beginners and etc.
3. Bringing the operation of the Diocese to the local leadership by having the various parish priests visit the Diocese in two or three day intervals to make them aware of the activities of the Diocese.
4. Museum & library exhibits on request would be available to each parish without cost except for expenses.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY: Council members are welcome to attend meetings but only delegates can vote on issues. This year for the first time the Ladies Auxiliaries and the ACYQA from various Parishes will be convening at the same time as the Assembly in Watervliet. These two organizations may also attend the Diocesan Meetings but cannot vote on issues.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business Arpb. Torkom gave benediction at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Avdoian  
Rec. Sec.



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Archbishop ~~Torkom Manoogian, Primate~~ **REVEREND CLERGY**  
**PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMEN**

**SUBJECT: DIOCESE SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR DRAWING**  
**OCTOBER , 1972**

In our Regional Meetings last fall at which our 1971 Diocesan deficit was the principal matter of concern, methods were discussed for raising sufficient sums in 1972 to prevent the sort of emergency that confronted us last year. A tentative plan was presented for a support program in the form of a drawing with 1500 tickets printed for sale at \$100 each.

Twenty prizes will be offered totaling more than \$40,000, drawings for which will be held in October 1972.

It is hoped that a substantial sum can be realized from this effort, for which a listing has been entered as anticipated income in our 1972 budget.


We feel confident it will succeed, but only if the full cooperation of our parishes is assured.

This plan is intended as a remedy for our immediate needs. For the future, we have in mind the establishment of a trust fund, on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Diocese in 1973, the income from which will serve to cover our growing operating costs; in addition we have in mind cultivating and developing the stewardship concept. Both of these are long-range propositions, and more immediate action will be necessary at the same time.

All these will again be discussed at our March Regional Meetings. Meanwhile, it is urgent for you to develop ways by which these certificates will be sold locally. The income anticipated from them is essential for the balancing of our budget in 1972. A group should be appointed to lead this undertaking in your parish, headed perhaps by your delegates who can spearhead the effort. Please let us know about your plans, as well as the names of the committee you appoint.

We will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

  
Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director

February 25, 1972  
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PARISH ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Name of Church</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>Proposed For 1972</u>
Asbury Park	St. Mary	\$ 360	\$ 396.00
Binghamton	St. Gregory Ill.	300	336.00
Boston	Holy Trinity	8,700	9,576.00
Bridgeport	Holy Ascension	900	996.00
Chicago	St. Gregory Ill.	1,800	1,980.00
West Pullman (Chicago)	St. Hovagim & Anna	504	552.00
Cleveland	St. Gregory of Narek	1,104	1,116.00
Detroit	St. John	14,232	15,660.00
East St. Louis	Holy Shoghagat	708	780.00
Evanston	St. James	1,800	1,980.00
Fair Lawn	St. Leon	2,508	2,760.00
Hartford	St. George	1,500	1,656.00
Haverhill	St. Gregory Ill.	1,500	1,656.00
Lawrence	Holy Cross	1,608	1,764.00
Lowell	St. Vartanantz	1,308	1,440.00
Miami	St. John the Baptist	720	792.00
Montreal	Apostolic Church	1,920	2,112.00
Newark	St. Mary	1,704	1,872.00
New Britain	Holy Resurrection	1,308	1,440.00
New York	Holy Cross	5,004	5,508.00
New York	St. Gregory Ill.	4,608	5,064.00
New York	Holy Martyrs	7,404	8,148.00
Niagara Falls	St. Sarkis	720	792.00
North Philadelphia	Holy Trinity	3,504	3,852.00
Providence	St. Sahag & Mesrob	7,008	7,704.00
Racine	St. Mesrob	2,004	2,208.00
Richmond	St. James	1,308	1,176.00
St. Catherines	St. Gregory Enl'tner	804	888.00
So. Milwaukee	Holy Resurrection	1,656	1,824.00
Springfield	St. John the Divine	1,008	1,104.00
Syracuse	St. Paul	504	552.00
Tenafly	St. Thomas	3,900	4,296.00
Toronto	Holy Trinity	2,508	2,760.00
Troy	St. Peter	1,608	1,764.00
Union City	Holy Cross	4,404	4,848.00
Washington, D. C.	St. Mary	1,608	1,764.00
Watertown	St. James	8,400	9,252.00
Waukegan	St. George	600	660.00
West Allis	St. John the Baptist	600	660.00
West Philadelphia	St. Sahag & Mesrob	5,604	6,168.00
Worcester	Our Saviour	6,708	7,380.00
		<u>\$115,956</u>	<u>\$127,236.00</u>

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No assessment has been levied against the Houston Parish for 1972

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA  
PROPOSED DIOCESAN BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1972

<u>Administrative Expenses</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>1971</u>	<u>Expenditures</u> <u>1971</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u> <u>1972</u>
Salaries	\$121,000.00	\$112,093.85	\$121,000.00
Telephone - Telegram	5,000.00	5,568.12	6,500.00
Postage - Mailing	3,500.00	4,023.38	4,000.00
Stationery - Supplies	3,000.00	4,160.85	4,000.00
Office Equipment-Maintenance	2,300.00	3,299.60	2,700.00
Payroll Taxes	6,100.00	6,425.24	7,200.00
Employee Insurance	2,500.00	2,227.50	2,500.00
Christmas Bonus	2,500.00	2,575.00	3,000.00
Auditing	1,800.00	1,725.00	1,800.00
Public Relations - Receptions	5,000.00	6,741.89	4,500.00
Travel Expenses	4,500.00	5,681.90	5,500.00
 <u>Programs</u>			
Council of Churches	1,700.00	1,520.10	1,700.00
Diocesan Library	1,000.00	2,011.03	2,500.00
Council of Religious Education	1,000.00	682.27	3,000.00
Publication of Books	3,500.00	-	-
Hayasdanyatz Yegeghetzi Armenian Church	7,500.00	10,296.75	8,000.00
Educational Council	8,500.00	9,842.28	9,000.00
Miscellaneous (Cultural, Art, Social Activities)	-	-	3,500.00
	5,000.00	2,653.74	-
 <u>Building</u>			
Salaries	34,000.00	32,842.63	39,000.00
Service Contracts	9,000.00	11,369.37	8,500.00
Steam, Electricity, Hot Water	37,000.00	36,155.04	36,500.00
Maintenance, repairs, Supplies	9,000.00	15,181.97	11,000.00
Insurance	6,100.00	6,105.00	6,100.00
 <u>Miscellaneous</u>			
Aid to Clergy	4,500.00	4,600.00	6,000.00
Contingencies	1,000.00	296.72	1,000.00
	<u>\$285,000.00</u>	<u>\$288,079.23</u>	<u>\$298,500.00</u>

<u>Income</u>	<u>Anticipated Income 1971</u>	<u>Actual Income 1971</u>	<u>Anticipated Income 1972</u>
Parish Dues	\$116,000.00	\$119,974.43	\$127,500.00
Auxiliary Committee	10,000.00	5,442.77	6,000.00
Christmas Seals	7,000.00	5,865.55	6,000.00
Bookstore	13,000.00	17,603.25	20,000.00
St. Gregory The Illuminator Bazaar - Benefit	5,000.00	-	-
	10,000.00	10,394.25	-
Gulbenkian Center	40,000.00	29,055.80	25,000.00
St. Vartan Cathedral	10,000.00	10,574.22	15,000.00
Miscellaneous (Tours-Dinners)	10,000.00	-	7,000.00
Interest Diocesan Fund	1,000.00	-	-
Calendars	1,000.00	-	-
General Donations	2,000.00	1,901.64	2,000.00
Emergency Drive	60,000.00	32,465.44	-
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<u>Deficit</u>	\$285,000.00	\$233,277.39	\$208,500.00
			90,000.00
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in March of 1972

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*Uly. Torkom. Manoogian*  
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

MINUTES OF A REGIONAL MEETING OF THE DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, HELD MARCH 12, 1972 AT HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH, 101 ASHMEAD ROAD, CHELTENHAM, PA.

The meeting opened at 4:35 P.M. by the Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Mr. Jack Antreassian, presiding.

In attendance were representatives and clergy from North Phila.; West Phila.; Washington D.C.; with Richmond absent.

DIOCESE

1. Finances

a) Budget

Deficit-1971- \$50,000\*

Projected deficit-1972- \$90,000

\*\$5,000 outstanding, balance paid by using reserve funds accrued from sale of St. Gregory's, N.Y.

Budget of \$17,000 for church periodicals may be as much as \$25,000 contingent upon change from monthly publication to quarterly. Change requires Diocesan Assembly approval.

Salaries- 11 fulltime employees  
5 part-time employees

Noted that anticipated budget for 1972 is only up from actual expenditures of 1971.

b) Stewardship

Stewardship recommended as source of monies for deficit. Other suggestions include a lottery and special assessments. Boston churches (5) strongly prefer special assessments to lottery.

Lottery-	1500 tickets @ \$100	Income \$150,000
	Prizes	42,000
	Expenses	3,000
	Maximum Profit	\$105,000

Noted that annual assessments would have to be raised 70% for budget to be balanced. Example, St. Sahag- St. Mesrob: presently \$6,168.00 to ver \$10,000.

Preference of those present at this meeting was a combination of a lottery and increased assessments. Stewardship a long-term program.

c) Programs

\$100 plate dinner- guest artists to perform- to raise funds for cultural activities at Diocesan Center, such programs to be available to parishes as well.

Greater emphasis on bookstore. Inventory value \$36,000. Anticipated income-1972- \$20,000. Local bookstores in parishes urged. Lack of cooperation from individual churches in promotion of diocesan projects, i.e., records, special editions, sited.

2. 75th Anniversary of Diocese  
1973

Suggested projects:

- establishment of Trust Fund.
- audio-visual history of diocese and churches
- His Holiness, Vasken I to be invited to America
- National Committee to be formed after Diocesan Assembly.

3. Programs

- a) Museum, exhibits such as recent shows of paintings and coins to be available to parishes.
- b) Educational Council
  - Manuscripts and texts for Armenian schools.
  - Armenian school teacher training program, accompanied by visitations from Diocesan representative.
  - CRF to prepare additional instructional material. Three texts released during 1971. One perhaps two in 1972. Activity limited because of lack of qualified personnel. Seminarians utilized.
  - Seminars at Diocese for clergymen to familiarize them with operations of Diocese.

4. Assembly

- a) Ladies Conference for members of Ladies Aids' on Thursday.
- b) Proposals
- c) Hearings both for Parish Councils. Chairmen are urged to attend for informal discussions. Recommendations made not binding on Assembly.

PARISHES

1. ACYOA

Evaluation Committee meeting held during February in Watertown with Rev. Dajad Davidian presenting. Six of eight laymen present. ACYOA faltering.

Reasons include lack of leadership; competition from ASA and Dance Groups.  
Too religious in image.

Recommendations:

Divide Senior and Junior groups. Separate constitutions. Different name for Seniors. Large parishes to have more than one group in each category. Approach colleges for prospective members. Full-time Executive Secretary. General Assembly as presently structured to continue. Program planning on local level rather than national. Latter often too grandiose for weak chapters. Discouraging. Activities more secular.

2. Senior Citizen Housing Program

Low income senior families of two. Limited initially to those Churches with existing ample grounds. Federal funds available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Primate's Jubilee Celebration  
June 11 for "Mid-Atlantic Region"  
Phila., Wash., D.C. & Richmond.  
Tentative plans include a film of activities of the Primate on  
Parish level.
2. 2nd Festival of Armenian Spirit in "New York."  
April 14-24.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

Submitted,

George S. Yacoubian  
3/18/72

May 12, 1972

Reverend Nersess Jebajian  
Pastor  
President of Parish Council  
St. John The Divine Church  
64 Dresden Street  
Springfield, Massachusetts 01109

Dear Father Nersess:

At the recent Diocesan Assembly, it was decided that the Patron Certificate Plan would be cancelled.

Please return immediately the Certificates which were left with you in March at the Regional Meeting held in Springfield.

If any Certificates were sold, please refund the money.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Harry Demairjian  
Chairman



**May 12, 1972**

**Reverend Garen Gdanian  
Pastor  
President of Parish Council  
St. Peter Armenian Church  
100 Troy Schenectady Road  
Watervliet, New York 12189**

**Dear Father Garen:**

**At the recent Diocesan Assembly, it was decided that  
the Patron Certificate Plan would be cancelled.**

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left with you in March at the Regional Meeting held in Spring-  
field.**

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**Sincerely,**

**Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director**

**cc: Mr. Adam J. Simonian  
Chairman**

May 12, 1972

**Very Reverend Muron Gurjikian  
Pastor  
President of Parish Council  
Church of Our Saviour  
87 Salisbury Street  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01609**

**Dear Father Muron:**

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**Sincerely,**

**Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director**

**cc: Mr. Jacob Hagopian  
Chairman**

May 12, 1972

Reverend Khosrof Assadourian  
Pastor  
President of Parish Council  
St. George Armenian Church  
22 White Street  
Hartford, Connecticut 06114

Dear Father Khosrof:

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Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Guy Bedrossian  
Chairman

May 12, 1972

Reverend Vartan Der Assadourian  
Pastor  
President of Parish Council  
Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection  
11 Erwin Place,  
New Britain, Connecticut 06051

Dear Father Vartan:

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Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Manoog Bagdigian  
Chairman

May 12, 1972

Reverend Halk Donkian  
Pastor  
President of Parish Council  
St. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church  
70 Jefferson Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

Dear Father Halk:

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Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Terrance Martiessian  
Chairman

December 4, 1968

Mr. John Maljanian  
96 Eddy Lane  
Newington, Conn. 06111

Dear Mr. Maljanian:

We were pleased to receive the copies of the minutes of our regional conference, which you had prepared so well. They will be very useful, both to us and to the various parishes, to which we have already sent copies.

Prayerfully,

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN  
Primate

**Diocese of the Armenian Church of America**

**Regional Meetings**

**February 13- - March 20, 1971**

**A G E N D A**

**Parish Questions**

**Diocesan Questions**

- 1. Diocesan Council report**
  - a. C.R.E.**
  - b. Youth**
  - c. Choir**
  - d. Armenian Schools**
  - e. Center Programs**
  - f. Special Programs**
- 2. Assessments**
- 3. Assembly Proposals**
- 4. Past Assembly Decisions**

**Administrative**

- 1. Accurate Membership Lists**
- 2. Insurance & Church Properties**
- 3. Uniform Financial Statements**
- 4. Distribution of Diocesan Books**

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**Diocese of the Armenian Church of America**

**REGIONAL MEETINGS**

**March 10- March 25, 1972**

**A G E N D A**

**Diocese**

1. Finances
  - a. Budget
  - b. Stewardship
  - c. Programs
2. 75th Anniversary of Diocese
3. Programs
4. Assembly
  - a. Ladies Conference
  - b. Proposals
  - c. Hearings

**Parishes**

**Issues presented by participants  
concerning churches in area.**

February 11, 1972

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February 11, 1972

TO: REVEREND CLERGY, PARISH COUNCIL CHARIMEN  
DIOCESAN DELEGATES

SUBJECT: REGIONAL MEETINGS

We have enclosed a general schedule of our March Regional Meetings, together with a copy of the agenda (several copies have been enclosed for chairmen for distribution to parish council members).

A number of significant matters will be discussed; the value of our conclusions will depend on how extensive and how serious the local participation is.

It is our hope, through such regional consultations, to involve our parishes and our delegates in the operation and administration of the Diocese throughout the year, rather than merely annually through the Assembly.

Let us meet together then to confront what questions concern us.

The enclosed form should be filled out and returned to us immediately.

Prayerfully,

*Abp. Torkom Manoogian*  
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

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ATM #9/72



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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

February 11, 1972

Mr. Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, New York 10016

Dear Mr. Antreassian:

I will attend the Regional Meeting in  
\_\_\_\_\_ my area scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_

I will be unable to attend the Regional  
\_\_\_\_\_ Meeting in my area scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Delegate

\_\_\_\_\_ Parish Council Member

\_\_\_\_\_ Pastor

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

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

January 11, 1972

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

TO: PARISH PRIESTS  
PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMEN  
DIOCESAN DELEGATES

FROM: ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN

SUBJECT: DIOCESAN REGIONAL MEETINGS  
March, 1972

We have enclosed a schedule for the Diocesan Regional Meetings planned for this March, just prior to our Annual Assembly. All our parishes have been included, except four for which separate meetings will be arranged. There has been some shuffling in the regional groupings which has been dictated by considerations of distance and convenience.

We repeat our feeling about the importance of these meetings, and have reserved these dates on our calendar. Only an extreme emergency will prevent our personal attendance, as well as that of Diocesan Council representation.

Parish priests, delegates and all parish council members should attend. It remains for Council Chairmen to so inform members of their respective councils.

We will communicate with you again, at which time a formal agenda will be enclosed. If there are any subjects you wish considered at these meetings, let us know and we will try to have them incorporated in the agenda.

We must know by the middle of February how many will attend each meeting so that proper preparations may be made. We will look forward to hearing from you before that time.

Prayerfully,

*Abp. Torkom Manoogian*

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

Enclosure

ATM #2/72

Schedule for Regional Meetings  
Spring 1972

1. Friday March 10, 7:30 p.m., followed by light refreshments.  
Place: St. John The Divine Church  
64 Dresden Street  
Springfield, Massachusetts  
Participants: Hartford, New Britain, Providence,  
Springfield, Troy, Worcester
  
2. Saturday, March 11, 1:00 p.m., preceded by a light lunch.  
Place: St. James Armenian Church  
465 Mt. Auburn Street  
Watertown, Massachusetts  
Participants: Cambridge, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell,  
Watertown
  
3. Sunday, March 12, 4:00 p.m., followed by a light dinner.  
Place: Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church  
101 Ashmead Road  
Cheltenham, Pennsylvania  
Participants: Cheltenham, Washington, D. C., Wynnewood
  
4. Tuesday, March 14, 8:00 p.m., followed by light refreshments.  
Place: Diocesan Headquarters  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, New York  
Participants: Bridgeport, New York's Holy Cross,  
Holy Martyrs, St. Gregory
  
5. Thursday, March 16, 8:00 p.m., followed by light refreshments.  
Place: St. Leon's Armenian Church  
12-61 Saddle River Road  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey  
Participants: Asbury Park, Fair Lawn, Newark, Tenafly,  
Union City
  
6. Friday, March 17, 8:00 p.m., followed by light refreshments  
Place: St. Mesrob Armenian Church  
1326 State Street  
Racine, Wisconsin  
Participants: Racine, S. Milwaukee, Waukegan, West Allis.
  
7. Saturday, March 18, 3:00 p.m., preceded by light lunch.  
Place: St. Gregory The Illuminator  
6700 W. Diversey Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois  
Participants: Chicago, East St. Louis, Evanston, West Pullman

(continued)

Schedule for Regional Meetings  
Spring 1972

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8. Sunday, March 19, 4:00 p.m., followed by light refreshments  
Place: St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit  
22001 Northwestern Highway  
Southfield, Michigan  
Participants: Cleveland, Detroit
  
9. Saturday, March 25, 2:00 p.m., followed by light refreshments  
Place: St. Sarkis Armenian Church  
300 9th Street  
Niagara Falls, New York  
Participants: Niagara Falls, Syracuse, St. Catharines,  
Toronto

Separate Meetings will be held for the  
Binghamton, Miami, Montreal and Richmond parishes.

January 11, 1972

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At the Racine Church,  
Participants: Racine, S. Milwaukee, Waukegan, West Allis.
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At the Chigago Church,  
Participants: Chicago, East St. Louis, Evanston, West Pullman.
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At the Detroit Church,  
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Schedule for Regional Meetings -- Spring 1972

Fr. Nerses \*

Fr. David \*

Fr. Michael \*

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Fr. Carnig

Mr. Ahgulen

Fr. Sarkis

Fr. Dizan

Chairman

Note

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Participants: Chicago, East St. Louis, Evanston, West Pullman.
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At the Detroit Church, (or Cleveland)  
Participants: Cleveland, Detroit.
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At the Niagara Falls Church,  
Participants: Niagara Falls, Syracuse, St. Catharines, Toronto.

Separate: Miami, Montreal, Richmond, Binghamton

Note: Should other communities be invited, such as westchester, etc.

Yes!

- ① Rev.
- ② PASTOR PRESIDENT
- ③ ~~PARISH COUNCIL~~ PARISH COUNCIL
- ④ CHURCH

DEAR FATHER (FIRST NAME --- NERSESS)



November 22, 1971

Mr. Shahen Bedrosian  
Chairman  
8121 Valle Drive  
Niagara Falls, New York 14304

Dear Mr. Bedrosian:

We are planning our 1972 Regional Meetings well in advance in order to emphasize the increasing importance we associate with them. We want to make certain that our parish council members and delegates have sufficient notice of the meetings we ourselves, Primate and Diocesan Council members, may be able to plan and prepare to attend.

We expect to communicate directly with all involved, prepare and distribute copies of the agenda, and otherwise work for a productive meetings. But the first step is the arrangement of the schedule which restricts the meetings to a limited period, enabling us to contact all our parishes with as little variance in time as possible; also indicated are the host parishes, of which yours is one.

We urge that you make every effort to accept this schedule, since making any change would involve several areas. We hope also that you will agree to serve as the host parish for your region.

Please let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

Enclosure

*Joint Regional Meetings  
1972*

November 19, 1971

Reverend Diran Papazian  
Pastor  
President Parish Council  
St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit  
22001 Northwestern Highway  
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dear Father Diran:

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

cc: Mr. Michael Negragian  
Chairman

Enclosure

November 19, 1971

Reverend Nersess Jebejian  
Pastor  
President Parish Council  
St. John The Divine Church  
64 Dresden Street  
Springfield, Massachusetts 01106

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cc: Mr. Edward Garabedian  
Chairman

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Reverend Dajad Davidian  
Pastor  
President Parish Council  
St. James Armenian Church  
465 Mt. Auburn Street  
Watertown, Massachusetts 02172

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cc: Mr. Edward Berberian  
Chairman

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Reverend Michael Buttere  
Pastor  
President Parish Council  
Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church  
101 Ashmead Road  
Cheltenham, Pennsylvania 19012

Dear Father Michael:

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cc: Mr. John Mirakian  
Chairman

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Mr. Sahag Akgulian  
Chairman  
618 Augusta Street  
Racine, Wisconsin 53405

Dear Mr. Akgulian:

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Reverend Carnig Hallajian  
Pastor  
President Parish Council  
St. Leon's Armenian Church  
12-61 Saddle River Road  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410

Dear Father Carnig:

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cc: Mr. George Bedrosian  
Chairman

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November 19, 1971

Reverend Sarkis Kashikjian  
Pastor  
President Parish Council  
St. Gregory The Illuminator  
5700 West Diversey Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60635

Dear Father Sarkis:

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Chairman

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