

REGIONAL MEETING PARTICIPANTS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1972
2:00 p.m.

St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church
Wynnewood, Pennsylvania

CANONICAL

CHELTHENHAM: Holy Trinity Armenian Church

WASHINGTON: St. Mary Armenian Church

WYNNEWOOD: St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church

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630 Second Avenue
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I am a Delegate

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Name:

Rev. Yeghishke Gizerian

Parish:

St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church

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TO: REVEREND CLERGY
MEMBERS OF PARISH COUNCIL
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SUBJECT: REGIONAL MEETINGS - FALL, 1972

We have enclosed a general schedule of our Fall Regional Meetings, together with a copy of the agenda. Several copies have been enclosed for the Chairmen to distribute 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,

Archp. Torkom Manoogian
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October 27 to November 11, 1972

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A. DIOCESE

1. 75th Anniversary of Diocese
 - (a) Celebrations
 - (b) Funds
 - (c) Possible Visit of His Holiness

2. Finances
 - (a) Budget
 - (b) Stewardship
 - (c) Assessments

3. Programs

4. Diocesan Assembly - May 4-5, 1973 - Worcester, Mass.
 - (a) Proposals
 - (b) Hearings
 - (c) Conferences

B. PARISHES

**Issues Presented by Participants Concerning Churches
in the Area.**

Review of Diocesan Budget

The sharp increase in the Diocesan budget over the past few years has been of great concern to our Diocesan Assemblies and parish leadership. The increase has been real enough, and the concern surely legitimate, but the circumstances surrounding the radical change in our finances remain vague in the minds of many. And an understanding of these circumstances is essential to a reasonable judgment and to an effective decision on future policies.

We have reviewed our Diocesan budgets for the past ten years, and have been able to draw certain conclusions from them. In any event we wish to present these figures to you, together with the factors and interpretations that place them in a realistic context.

In the past 10 years, the Diocesan budget, now at \$385,000, has gone up 288%. It is this statistic that in itself is startling. But an examination of what this figure represents is most revealing. Included in this \$385,000 are special gifts and funds, amounting to about \$40,000, that already existed or had already been secured when the budget was presented for approval. This sum was included in the budget so that the Assembly would be fully aware of the programs committed to by the Diocesan Council. The \$20,000 Mr. Alex Manoogian donated for Armenian School texts, for example, need not have been placed in the budget, which could have been a lower figure as a result. But it was placed in the budget to give our Diocesan leadership a true picture of our financial operation, even though it entailed no Diocesan obligation.

If these sums are subtracted, the budgetary increase becomes 250%.

We have noted on a number of occasions that the character of our Diocesan operation changed completely when the Cathedral and Cultural Center was built. Here is a practical demonstration of this. The Cathedral costs about \$30,000 a year, and the Center about \$80,000. There is of course substantial income derived in these areas. The Cathedral for example pays for itself. But nevertheless the \$110,000 figure adds substantially to our expenditure budget.

Ten years ago this figure did not exist, and it represents about two-fifths of the 250% increase we mentioned above. Without these the budget increase would have been 150%.

Even this increase of 150% embraces programs (CRE, National Council of Churches, Armenian Schools, Publications, Cultural Programs, Youth), with a total budgeted figure of \$70,000, which did not exist in 1963. Allowing for duplication, this brings down the effective increase to about 100%, without even accounting for the administrative costs of these programs.

To summarize, substantial increases in our budget have been caused by three principal factors; a) Existing funds, b) the Cathedral and Cultural Center complex, and c) New or expanded programs. Much of the remaining increase may be attributed to the rise in costs over the past decade, as reflected in all operations, our parishes included.

There is no intention to minimize or rationalize the size of the Diocesan budget, only to explain its various facets in an effort to create better understanding. The budget has not gone up whimsically, but for definite reasons and purposes, and these should be confronted

and judged. It should be noted that these are budgeted figures, which may not be expended. It should be further noted that while some of these areas add substantially to the budget, they produce income as well, such as the Cathedral and the Center (anticipated income in 1973: \$30,000 and \$50,000 respectively).

The parish proportion of Diocesan income has declined from 72% in 1963 to 48% (including stewardship) in 1973. This means that the Diocesan Headquarters itself is raising more than half of its needed income; in 1973 it is raising by various means more than twice the total 1963 budget.

Total parish budgets have gone up 70% in the past decade.

Total parish assessments have risen by 160% (including stewardship); 85% without the Stewardship figure. This distinction is made because it is the hope of the Diocesan Council that this program will in time not be a burden to the parishes.

We tried to get figures from other churches, such as the Greek, Russian, Etc. We met with general disinclination and were able to get only the figures of the Russian Archdiocese, whose budget went up 220% in the past decade. This may have not immediate relevance because we have not studied details for reasonable comparison.

This then places our finances in what we believe to be a realistic framework. What remains crucial to our consideration is the character of the Diocesan Headquarters as conceived by our national and local leadership. Is it supposed to be merely an administrative center, coordinating, primarily through paper work, the different areas of the Diocese? Or is it the true heart of our Diocesan existence, as the traditional term Azkayin Arachnor-taran appears to imply, creating, initiating, leading, to the end that our Church and Diocese will be greater than the sum of all its separate parts?

This is a fundamental consideration we must confront and resolve, both on the Diocesan and the local level.

If the Headquarters is to be merely an administrative center, all that is needed is a Primate and a minimal staff, and a simple suite of three or four offices, a couple of typewriters and a mimeograph machine. The annual budget can then be brought down to the \$100,000 area of pre-1968. But if this were to be the case, why the Cathedral and Cultural Center project? Have we permitted events to make decisions for us, or have we made decisions without reflecting on their consequences? The construction of this complex inevitably imposed a new character on our Headquarters, both in financial and moral terms.

If the Headquarters is to be more than an administrative center in its simplest terms, then the parishes must understand that they have a vital stake in its activities, directly and indirectly -- directly in the programs that will touch them locally; indirectly in the growing prestige of cultural, educational, public relations involvements.

A conscious choice has got to be made, with a full understanding of its implications.

It is a choice that in reality is no choice at all. It is posed in this manner to dramatize the needs that exist. We cannot conceive of any reasonable support of the first alternative. We regard the paper work of administration as a means and not as an end in itself. It is the clerk's criterion to measure achievement by the volume of correspondence. The measure must be in what is done and what is represented: In a museum, in a bookstore that spreads as never before the written and recorded values of our people, in a library, in real cultural programs that help the emergence of our promising artists, in publications, in our Armenian schools and the publication of new texts, in the revitalization with new curricular materials of our Sunday Schools, in major events that place the Armenian Church and community vitally in the context of American society; in short, in the creation of an environment of leadership and activity that will make us far greater than the sum of our parts. And this cannot be done by the parishes, or by a merely administrative headquarters.

What would the Catholic Church be today without a far-ranging Archdiocese, without its Cardinal, without a Headquarters that has the resources and the license to deal with the people and world around it? Or the Greek Church?

We must jump the parochialism of the past. We are more than a collection of parishes. We are a national church with a mission that goes beyond that of most other churches. Our mission first is spiritual, as is theirs; but beyond that we have a national and community mission, complicated still further by the relatively tiny size of our population here.

The challenge we face is immense, and requires not only sacrifice and unending support; it demands also the best intelligence we can bring in selecting the options that face us.

New York is the greatest city in the world, and in this greatest city the Armenian Church, our Diocese, has a magnificent Cathedral and Center, through which we have been able to make continuing contact with the City Administration, with such institutions as the Metropolitan Museum, with TV stations and newspapers, all through the activities of the Cathedral and Center, and all of immeasurable value to our Church and people. And to this must be added the relations that have been created through the Cathedral with the heads of other churches. Through such efforts the Diocese has been making a place for itself in the consciousness of American religious, political and civic society. This has to be considered in the scale of any judgment of the future character of our Diocese. Is this worth anything to us? Can our parishes achieve this without a strong Diocesan Headquarters? A hundred questions follow, and the answers had better be right, since our future depends on them.

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SECOND INTERIM REPORT - STIPENDS COMMITTEE

There are two basic issues involved in stipends for clergymen, how much will they be compensated for their services and how will the compensation be effected.

The "how much" is perhaps more critical to our church life than the average laymen realize. Most clergymen, because of the very fact they are clergymen, are very reluctant to discuss this issue, yet there obviously is considerable frustration on the part of many clergymen who compare their financial lot to others in their own community and to fellow clergymen and especially to fellow professionals, i.e. persons with equal schooling, training and experience. Consider a clergyman who has completed a bachelor's degree requirement, attended a seminary for three, four, five years and perhaps has gone on to a master's degree and is getting a salary of \$9,000. Although the example presented is a hypothetical one, this set of conditions can very possibly exist in one of our churches. A lawyer upon leaving law school today can expect to get a salary of from \$15,000 to \$18,000 immediately. Certainly many arguments can be presented, e.g. there are some priests who do not have extensive schooling, etc. but such arguments cannot be used to rationalize a low scale of remuneration for all clergymen. There are various factors to be considered in arriving at an adequate stipend for a pastor, some of these are:

- a. The size of the congregation.
- b. The prevailing median income of the community.
- c. The education and experience of the pastor.
- d. The family of the pastor.
- e. Whether or not the church owns a home which can be used by the pastor.
- f. The cost of owning and operating a car.
- g. The cost of retirement insurance, hospitalization insurance, etc.
- h. And finally, how is an adequate stipend for each clergyman determined.

Our questionnaire earlier this year directed to parish councils resulted in some very interesting information and comments. The effort expanded by each of the respondents is appreciated by the Committee and these responses will be very carefully weighed when we submit our final report.

Let us assume that the present system of compensation is continued with each parish and clergyman arriving at a stipend figure independently. It seems as a very minimum there should be a comprehensive guide, approved by the Primate, which should be used in the negotiation. This guide would be used by the parish councils in a thorough discussion of the stipend with their pastor at the beginning of his pastorate as well as at periodic intervals.

The second basic issue is how will the stipend be paid. Should the Diocesan office pay the stipends from the operating funds of the Diocese with a commensurate increase in parish dues? Should parishes pay a base salary with additional stipends for experience, education, etc., paid from a special Diocesan fund? Should Diocesan assistance be considered only for parishes whose resources are limited?

In order for the committee to arrive at its conclusion so that firm recommendations can be made, it would be helpful if the regional Diocesan meetings consider this vital matter and develop comments and recommendations for the committee.

It is suggested that the following elements of the problem be discussed:

- a. To what scale should our clergymen's stipends be adjusted - teachers salaries in the community, the median income of the parish or community (the median income can be determined for an area from the Bureau of the Census) to the size of the parish, etc.
- b. How should we pay for the use of a car - should a mileage allowance be paid (so many cents a mile, etc.)? Is it the obligation of a parish to furnish a car and to pay for its operation and upkeep? Should there be a separate scale for operation and maintenance if the clergyman owns his own car and uses it for church work?
- c. Should there be a Diocesan fund to either supplement a base salary paid by the parish or to pay the complete stipend and how will this fund be maintained?
- d. What are the housing obligations of a parish towards their pastor? What difference should there be in this allowance if the pastor has a family?
- e. What part do and should personal gifts from parishioners to pastors play in the overall determination of parish obligations toward the pastor?
- f. Do we want firmer guidelines that will be applied throughout our Diocese?

Comments and recommendations may either be given to the Diocesan representative at the regional meeting or mailed to:

C. M. Kasparian
3 Riverview Lane
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HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

REV. FR. PAPKEN MAKSOUDIAN, Pastor
145 BRATTLE STREET • CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138 • TEL: 354-0632

August 22, 1972=

The Most Reverend Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Your Grace:

In answer to your letter dated August 11, 1972, I wish
to state that we are most pleased to accept the 1972 Fall
Schedule of our Regional Meeting being held at our Parish. ✓

Please advise us, as soon as possible, as to how many will
be present. Thank you! 7

With filial respect,

Fr. Papken Maksoudian
Rev. Papken Maksoudian

Pastor

PM/gh

ALSO ATTENDED BY:- ARCH. DEACON MANOOGIAN
JACK ANTREASSIAN

Regional Meeting 11/11/72 at Holy Trinity Church - Camb.

1. Crosby Yostgarian — Diocese
2. Sahag Sahagian Lawrence
3. Arthur A. Gharian Boston
4. Aram Zolugian "
5. Gregory Tushjan "
6. Gregory Kachadourian "
7. Edward De Rossian Haverhill
8. Charles H. Seropian Haverhill
9. Edw. Berkejian Watertown
10. Jovita Derdevan Haverhill
11. Sarkis Misakian Watertown
12. Harry Jurjirian Watertown
13. Harvey Yeghjian Watertown
14. Harry Kasparian Haverhill
15. Rev. Nerses Baboorian Haverhill
16. Onnig Zerouenian Haverhill
17. Anthony Mikapian Lawrence
18. Paul Boghosian Lawrence
19. Jack Kacharian Lawrence
20. Rev. Vartan Avakian Lawrence
21. Rev. Pappky Maksoudian Boston
22. Matthew Mattessian Watertown

Nov. 2, 1972

St. Leon's, Fair Lawn

Vahram Vajabedian	Fair Lawn
Sarkis Ghebrelian	Fair Lawn
Charles Pinajian	Fair Lawn
Richard Tomasiian	Fair Lawn
Jon Najarian	Fair Lawn
Levon Aronian	IRVINGTON
Ara Nersisyan	IRVINGTON
Sarkis Bedersian	St. Leon's
Peter Kapusungian	Holy Cross U.C.
Nu ber Dorian	Holy Cross U.C.
John Houssejian	Holy Cross U.C.
John Chakemian	ST MARYS ELBECON, N.J.
F. Nertenes Kelajian	" "
Aradis Gokberk	" "
Setrak Tutunjian	" "
Mesrob Vartanian	" "
Clay C Sabonian	" "
Alexis Chupourian	Holy Cross Union City
Luo Shabagian	Holy Cross Union City
George Mekenian	St Thomas Tenally
ALFRED A. VOSKIAN	ST. LEON'S - FAIR LAWN
Rev. Arsten Ashjian	St. Leon's, Fair Lawn
Rev. Arnek Kasparian	St. Thomas, Tenally

REGIONAL MEETING PARTICIPANTS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1972
8:00 p.m.

St. Gregory The Illuminator Parish
New York City

BRIDGEPORT: Holy Ascension Armenian Church

NEW YORK: Holy Cross Church of Armenia

Haroutunian, James / TEMBECK, John /

Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs

CHAPIAN, Edward / KAPIKIAN, Zareh / ORDJANIAN, Dr. Nikit /

St. Gregory The Illuminator Church

ZOTIAN, Frank

Fr. Manake Kouzoulian + 10

WESTCHESTER: Armenian Church of Northern Westchester

Fr. Ari Kehiayan /



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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

August 28, 1972

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

Dear Mr. Antreassian:

ny I will attend the Regional Meeting in
my area scheduled for Diocese - 8 Pm Oct 31 (?)

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

x I am a Delegate

 Parish Council Member

 Pastor

Name:

John Dembeck

Parish:

Holy Cross, 187 St NYC



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New York, New York 10016

Dear Mr. Antreassian:

I will attend the Regional Meeting in my area scheduled for October 31st

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

I am a Delegate

Parish Council Member

Pastor

*however
after the
Art and Music
Committee
meeting
which was
called for
7:00 p.m.*

Name: Dr. Nikit Ordjanian, P. E.

Parish: 71-49 170th Street

Fresh Meadows, New York 11365

for Holy Martyrs (Queens)



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my area scheduled for _____

I will be unable to attend the Regional Meeting
in my area scheduled for Tue. Oct. 31-

I am a Delegate

Parish Council Member

Visiting Pastor

Name: ARI Kehiyan (Rev.)

Parish: No. Westchester



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August 28, 1972

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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 Oct. 31, 1972 at 8 PM

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

I am a Delegate

Parish Council Member

Pastor

Name:

Jared K. Karakian

Parish:

Holy Martyrs BaySide





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August 28, 1972

Mr. Jack Antreassian
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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 10/31/72

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

I am a Delegate

Parish Council Member

Pastor

Name: Ed Chapian

Parish: Holy Martyrs



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Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
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New York, New York 10016

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my area scheduled for 10/31 ✓

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

I am a Delegate

Parish Council Member

Pastor

Name: FRANK C. ZOTIAY

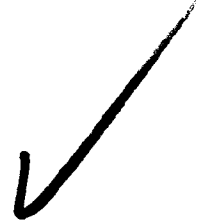
Parish: Sr. Gregory



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

August 28, 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 Tuesday Oct. 31 8:00 PM

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

I am a Delegate

Parish Council Member

Pastor

Name: JAMES HAROUTUNIAN

Parish: Holy Cross Church New York



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August 28, 1972

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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 _____

I am a Delegate

Parish Council Member

Pastor

Name:

REV. MAMPRE KOUZOUKIAN ✓
DELEGATES & PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER } 12 ✓

Parish:

ST. GREGORY ILLUMINATOR CHURCH
N.Y.C.

Ray

November 10, 1972

Deacon J. R. Arakelian
President of Parish Council
St. Gregory The Illuminator
Armenian Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Deacon Raymond:

This letter is to confirm arrangements for a Regional Meeting to be held on Saturday, December 9th, 1972, for the Binghamton and Syracuse parishes as outlined in the letter dated November 5th from Dr. Nubar K. Astarjian.

I will be happy to make arrangements to be present, though the schedule of the Primate will not permit his presence.

Please let me have confirmation as soon as possible.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian
Executive Director

cc: Dr. Robert M. Bogdasarian
Parish Council Chairman

Mr. Arthur Babikian
Parish Council Chairman
St. Paul Armenian Church
Syracuse, New York

ITINERARY

JACK ANTREASSIAN

Sunday, November 5, 1972

(Fly LaGuardia to Buffalo)

AA #416	Lv. N.Y.	11:50 a.m.
	Ar. Buffalo	12:56 p.m.

* to be met at airport and driven to
St. Catharines - Regional Meeting
4:00 p.m.

(Fly TORONTO to KENNEDY AIRPORT)

AIR/CANADA #788	Lv. <u>Toronto</u>	10:35 p.m.
	Ar. <u>Kennedy</u>	11:50 p.m.

**BACK AMERICAN
ITINERARY FOR VISITATIONS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Parish</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Wednesday, Sept. 13	CHELSEHAM	
Thursday, Sept. 14	WYNEWOOD	(D.C. Meeting)
Friday, Sept. 15	WASHINGTON	
Saturday, Sept. 16	RICHMOND	(Ed. Council Seminar)
Tuesday, Sept. 19	CHICAGO (2 churches)	
	WEST PULLMAN	
Wednesday, Sept. 20	EVANSTON	
Thursday, Sept. 21	RACINE	
Friday, Sept. 22	SOUTH MILWAUKEE	
	WEST ALLIS	
Saturday, Sept. 23	WAUKESHA	(Piazza Art Show)
Wednesday, Sept. 27	ST. CATHARINES	
Thursday, Sept. 28	NIAGARA FALLS	
Friday, Sept. 29	TORONTO	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Monday, Oct. 2	WATERTOWN	
Tuesday, Oct. 3	CAMBRIDGE	
Wednesday, Oct. 4	LOWELL	
Thursday, Oct. 5	LAWRENCE	
Friday, Oct. 6	HAVERHILL	

Monday, Oct. 9	NEW BRITAIN
Tuesday, Oct. 10	HARTFORD
Wednesday, Oct. 11	SPRINGFIELD
Thursday, Oct. 12	WORCESTER
Friday, Oct. 13	PROVIDENCE

CHURCHES TO BE VISITED ON FREE DAYS AFTER OCTOBER:

ST. GREGORY
FAIR LAWN
HOLY MARTYRS
HOLY CROSS
TENAFLY
UNION CITY
IRVINGTON
ELBERON

CHURCHES TO BE VISITED AT LATER DATE:

MIAMI

MONTREAL

BINGHAMTON

SYRACUSE

WATERVLIET

BRIDGEPORT

CLEVELAND

DETROIT

WESTCHESTER

POUGHKEEPSIE

CRESTWOOD

HOUSTON

VANCOUVER

EAST ST. LOUIS

August 1972

November 1, 1972

MEMO TO FILE

STRONGLY SUGGESTED BY PROVIDENCE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN
TO INCLUDE PROVIDENCE WITH REGIONAL MEETINGS FOR
CAMBRIDGE, HAVERHILL, LAWRENCE LOWELL AND WATERTOWN.

rather than with Springfield (2 hour drive)

(letter October 21, 1972)

October 19, 1972

**The Very Reverend Yeghishe Gixirian
Pastor
President of Parish Council
St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Church
630 Clothier Road
Wynnewood, Pennsylvania 19096**

Dear Father Yeghishe:

Because of local circumstances which were brought to our attention by you, we are cancelling the Regional Meeting scheduled for Saturday, November 4th, for the Cheltenham, Washington and Wynnewood churches.

Fortunately, much of what would have concerned the Meeting was covered in my own recent visit to your parish.

Please notify all Parish Council Members and Diocesan Delegates of this cancellation. We will be in touch with you at a later date.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

**Jack Antreassian
Executive Director**

**cc: Mr. Noubar Markaridian
Chairman**

October 18, 1972

The Reverend Michael Buttero
Pastor
President of Parish Council
Holy Trinity Armenian Church
101 Ashmead Road
Cheltenham, Pennsylvania 19012

Dear Father Michael:

Because of local circumstances which were brought to our attention by Father Yeghishe Gixirian, we are cancelling the Regional Meeting scheduled for Saturday, November 4th, for the Washington, Wynnewood and Cheltenham churches.

Fortunately, much of what would have concerned the Meeting was covered in my own recent visit to your parish.

Please notify all Parish Council Members and Diocesan Delegates of this cancellation. We will be in touch with you at a later date.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian
Executive Director

cc: Mr. John Mirakian
Parish Council Chairman

October 18, 1972

*The Right Reverend Papken Varjabedian
Pastor
President of Parish Council
St. Mary Armenian Church
4125 Fessenden Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20016*

Your Grace:

Because of local circumstances which were brought to our attention by Father Yeghishe Gizirian, we are cancelling the Regional Meeting scheduled for Saturday, November 4th, for the Cheltenham, Wynnewood and Washington churches.

Fortunately, much of what would have concerned the Meeting was covered in my own recent visit to your parish.

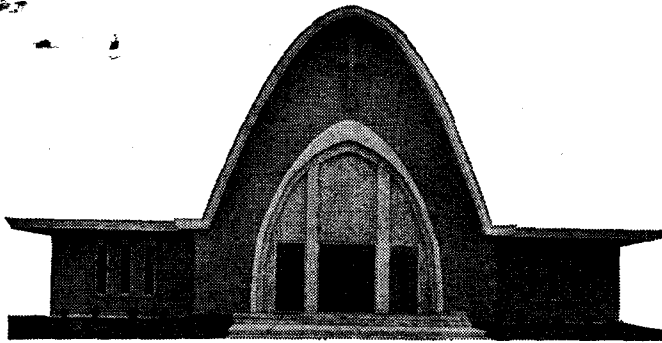
Please notify all Parish Council Members and Diocesan Delegates of this cancellation. We will be in touch with you at a later date.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

*Jack Antreassian
Executive Director*

*cc: Mr. Abraham Bodurian
Parish Council Chairman*



Holy Resurrection Armenian Apostolic Church

909 Michigan Avenue - (P.O. Box 143)

South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172

Office: 762-7460

October 13, 1972

Mr. Jack Antreassian, Executive Director
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Jack:

In answer to your letter of October 2nd to Father Arshag,
our parish is accepting your invitation to be hosts at
the Regional Meeting on Saturday, October 28th, 1972.
We understand this will involve lunch being served at
1:00 p.m., and meeting beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Regards,

HOLY RESURRECTION ARMENIAN CHURCH

Grace Hadjinian
Grace Hadjinian, Secretary
Parish Council

October 12, 1972

The Very Reverend Arshag Khatchadourian
Pastor
President of Parish Council
Holy Resurrection Armenian Church
909 Michigan Avenue
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172

Dear Father Arshag:

This is to confirm the change in the site of the Regional Meeting on Saturday, October 28, from St. John Church in Greenfield, to Holy Resurrection Church in South Milwaukee.

The convening time will remain the same with a light lunch at 1:00 p.m., followed by the Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Would you please inform your respective Parish Council Members and your Diocesan Delegates of the change in location, and inform us as soon as possible as to how many representatives from your parish will be attending.

Thank you for accepting to host the Meeting at your parish.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Peter Sahagian
Parish Council Chairman

October 12, 1972

Reverend Parea Metjian
Pastor
President of Parish Council
St. John Armenian Church
7825 West Layton Avenue
Greenfield, Wisconsin 53220

Dear Father Parea:

This is to inform you that the site of the Regional Meeting to be held on Saturday, October 28, has been changed from St. John Church in Greenfield, to Holy Resurrection Church, 909 Michigan Avenue in South Milwaukee.

The convening time remains the same with a light lunch at 1:00 p.m., followed by the Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Would you please inform your respective Parish Council Members and your Diocesan Delegates of this change in location, and inform us as soon as possible as to how many representatives from your parish will be attending.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian
Executive Director

JA/of

cc: Mr. Nazar Hajinian
Chairman

October 12, 1972

Reverend Guregh Yetenekian
Pastor
President of Parish Council
St. Mesrob Armenian Church
1326 State Street
Racine, Wisconsin 53405

Dear Father Guregh:

This is to inform you that the site of the Regional Meeting to be held on Saturday, October 28, has been changed from St. John Church in Greenfield, to Holy Resurrection Church, 909 Michigan Avenue in South Milwaukee.

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Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian
Executive Director

JA/ef

cc: Mr. George Stenoff
Chairman

October 12, 1972

Mr. Charles Pilibosian
Chairman of Parish Council
St. George Armenian Church
1015 McAree Road
Waukegan, Illinois 60085

Dear Mr. Pilibosian:

This is to inform you that the site of the Regional Meeting to be held on Saturday, October 28, has been changed from St. John Church in Greenfield, to Holy Resurrection Church, 909 Michigan Avenue in South Milwaukee.

The convening time remains the same with a light lunch at 1:00 P.M., followed by the Meeting at 2:00 P.M.

Would you please inform the respective Parish Council Members and Diocesan Delegates of St. George Armenian Church of this change in location, and inform us as soon as possible as to how many representatives from your parish will be attending.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian
Jack Antreassian
Executive Director

October 2, 1972

*The Very Reverend Arshag Khatchadourian
Pastor
Holy Resurrection Armenian Church
909 Michigan Avenue
P. O. Box 143
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172*

Dear Father Arshag:

The Regional Meeting for Saturday, October 28th, was scheduled to be held in St. John's Church in Greenfield. We have since been informed that this would conflict with preparations already underway for their Anniversary Banquet and, therefore, they will be unable to serve as hosts.

We would appreciate if you and your parish would serve as hosts for this occasion. This would also involve providing a light lunch at 1:00 p.m. for the participants prior to the 2:00 p.m. meeting.

Would you let us know your decision as soon as possible in order that we might communicate the information to the other participating parishes.

Sincerely,

*Jack Antreassian
Executive Director*



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

September 28, 1972

TO: REVEREND CLERGY
MEMBERS OF PARISH COUNCIL
DIOCESAN DELEGATES

SUBJECT: REGIONAL MEETINGS - FALL, 1972

This is an invitation to the Regional Meeting of the Reverend Clergy, members of the Parish Council and Diocesan Delegates of the churches in your area.

The present series of Regional Meetings for this Fall will take place from October 27th to November 11th, and they will consider a number of urgent matters. First will be the 75th Anniversary celebration of our Diocese, with other issues to include our youth organization, finances and Diocesan programs.

The schedule of Meetings is enclosed. Also enclosed is a form on which your attendance or absence from your area's Meeting must be indicated and returned to our Office. We must have this information on attendance prior to the meetings.

We will, of course, be happy to answer any questions that might arise with respect to the details of the Meetings.

There will be representation from the Diocesan Council at all meetings, and we urge your full attendance.

Prayerfully,

At. Torkom Manoogian

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

ATM/ec
ATM #43/72

Enclosures



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September 18, 1972

TO: REVEREND CLERGY
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS
DIOCESAN DELEGATES

SUBJECT: REGIONAL MEETINGS - FALL 1972

We have enclosed the general schedule of our Fall Regional Meetings, together with a copy of the agenda. Several copies have been enclosed for the Parish Council Chairmen to distribute to the Council members.

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

It is our hope that through such regional consultations, our parishes and our delegates will be more involved in the operation and administration of the Diocese throughout the year, rather than merely annually through the Diocesan Assembly.

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

The enclosed form should be completed and returned to us immediately.

Prayerfully,

Atty. Torkom Manoogian

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

ATM#44/72

(enclosures)

August 11, 1972

The Reverend Carnig Mallajian
Pastor
President of Parish Council
St. Leon Armenian Church
12-61 Saddle River Road
Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410

Dear Father Carnig:

We are planning our 1972 fall Regional Meetings well in advance to make certain that our Parish Council members and Diocesan Delegates have sufficient notice of the meetings.

We expect to communicate directly with all involved, prepare and distribute copies of the agenda, and otherwise work for 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. We have enclosed a copy of the schedule for the Regional Meetings on which the host parishes are indicated.

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

Please let us hear from you as soon as possible.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkeo Mancoogian
Primate

ATM/ec

cc: Mr. Zaven A. Dadokian

Enclosure

August 11, 1972

The Very Reverend Varoujan Kabaradjian
Pastor
President of Parish Council
St. James Armenian Church
816 Clark Street
Evanston, Illinois 60201

Dear Father Varoujan:

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Archbishop Torkom Manougian
Primate

ATM/ec

cc: Mr. Mike Ekizian

Enclosure

August 11, 1972

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Primate

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cc: Mr. Mazar Haffinian

Enclosure

August 11, 1972

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

Dear Father Diran:

We are planning our 1972 fall Regional Meetings well in advance to make certain that our Parish Council members and Diocesan Delegates have sufficient notice of the meetings.

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

Please let us hear from you as soon as possible.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Terken Manegjian
Primate

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cc: Mr. Michael Megregian

Enclosure

August 11, 1972

The Reverend Maupre A. Kouzouian
Pastor
President of Parish Council
St. Gregory The Illuminator Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Father Maupre:

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Archbishop Terkon Manougian
Primate

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cc: Mr. James N. Yacoubian

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August 11, 1972

The Very Reverend Yeghishe Gisirian
Pastor
President of Parish Council
St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Church
630 Clothier Road
Wynnewood, Pennsylvania 19096

Dear Father Yeghishe:

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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cc: Mr. Noubar Markaridian

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August 11, 1972

The Very Reverend Vazken Keshishian
Pastor
President of Parish Council
St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church
49 Carlton Street
St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada

Dear Father Vazken:

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Primate

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cc: Mr. Sidney Artinian

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August 11, 1972

The Reverend Papken Maksoudian
Pastor
President of Parish Council
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston
145 Brattle Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

Dear Father Papken:

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Primate

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cc: Mr. Arthur A. Apkarian

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August 11, 1972

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

Dear Father Nersess:

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cc: Mr. Harry Demirjian

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

August 28, 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 _____

_____ I am a Delegate

_____ Parish Council Member

_____ Pastor

Name: _____

Parish: _____

Jack:

Will this be discussed at the
Regional Meetings??

Diocesan Council members -- should they
be assigned to certain areas ??

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Yes



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

TO: REVEREND CLERGY
PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMEN

cc: DIOCESAN COUNCIL

SUBJECT: DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEMBERS' PARISH VISITATIONS

As part of our effort to develop continuing communications between our parishes and our Diocesan Headquarters, Diocesan Council members will from time to time visit our various parishes and meet with local councils and Diocesan delegates. This we are sure will provide an effective means for the interchange of ideas and thoughts concerning both the parish and the Diocese.

On such occasion, the Diocesan Council member, who will officially represent the Primate and the Diocesan Council, can communicate the thinking and planning at Headquarters, convey to you the principal matters that preoccupy us; and at the same time become more closely aware of your own problems and dispositions.

It is our hope to initiate such visits in the fall; this is not to say that every parish will be visited immediately. A beginning will be made and followed through as circumstances permit. Any direct invitations will be given first consideration. Otherwise you will be notified as visits are scheduled.

Prayerfully,

Abp. Torkom Manoogian
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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June 12, 1972

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