

ASSIGNMENT OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEMBERS TO
FALL 1974 REGIONAL MEETINGS

Edward Korkoian:	#1 - Detroit	October 25
	#2 - South Milwaukee	October 26
	#3 - Chicago	October 27
Fr. Mampre Kouzouian:	#4 - New York City	October 29
Fr. Mampre Kouzouian: Crosby Goshgarian:✓	#5 - Livingston, New Jersey	October 30
John Najarian: Fr. Garen Gdanian: Fr. Dajad Davidian: Crosby Goshgarian:	#6 - Springfield	November 8
Fr. Dajad Davidian: Crosby Goshgarian:	#7 - Watertown	November 9
Fr. Zaven Arzoomanian: Col. George Juskalian:	#8 - Cheltenham	November 23
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Sept. 25, 1974.

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- 1. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25-** 8:00 pm (followed by light refreshments)

Place: St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, Michigan (313) 354-1910

Participants: Cleveland, Detroit

- 2. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26-** 2:00 pm (lunch at 1:00 pm)

Place: Holy Resurrection Armenian Church
909 Michigan Avenue
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172
(414) 762-7460

Participants: Greenfield, Racine
South Milwaukee, Waukegan

- 3. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27-** 4:00 pm (followed by light refreshments)

Place: St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church
6700 West Diversey Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60635 (312) 637-1711

Participants: Chicago (St. Gregory & Sts. Joachim and Anne)
East St. Louis
Evanston

- 4. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29-** 8:00 pm (followed by light refreshments)

Place: Holy Cross Armenian Church
580 West 187th Street
New York, N. Y. 10033 (212) 927-4020

Participants: Bridgeport
New York: Holy Cross, Holy Martyrs, St. Gregory
Westchester
N. Westchester

5. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30-8:00 pm (followed by light refreshments)

Place: St. Mary Armenian Church
200 West Mt. Pleasant Avenue
Livingston, N.J. 07039 (201) 992-9794

Participants: Elberon, Fair Lawn
Tenafly, Union City
Livingston

6. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8- 7:30 pm (followed by light refreshments)

Place: St. John the Divine Armenian Church
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Springfield, Massachusetts (413) 734-8691

Participants: Hartford, New Britain, Providence
Springfield, Watervliet, Worcester

7. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9- 2:00 pm (lunch at 1:00 pm)

Place: St. James Armenian Apostolic Church
465 Mount Auburn Street
Watertown, Massachusetts 02172 (617) 923-8860

Participants: Cambridge, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell
Watertown

8. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23-2:00 pm (lunch at 1:00 pm)

Place: Holy Trinity Armenian Church
101 Ashmead Road
Cheltenham, Pa. 19012 (215) ES 9-2515

Participants: Cheltenham, Washington, Wynnewood, Richmond

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49 Carlton Street
St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada (416) 685-8701

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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

December 17, 1973

**TO: Reverend Clergy
Parish Council Chairmen and Delegates**

SUBJECT: Regional Meetings, Fall 1973

Nine Regional Meetings were scheduled from October 16 to December 8, 1973, in the various regions of our Diocese.

The following served as a basic agenda for all meetings:

1. DIOCESE

- a. Budget (10 year review)
- b. Stewardship
- c. Plan for payment of clergy stipends from Diocese
- d. Programs
- e. Unity
- f. Diocesan staff
- g. Plan for Archdiocese
- h. Endowment Fund

2. PARISHES

- a. Assessments
- b. Membership listings and uniform reporting
- c. Programs

3. MISCELLANEOUS

Special reports, prepared in advance on the "Review of Diocesan Budget" and "Clergymen's Stipend," were distributed to all members attending the meetings. Copies of these reports are enclosed.

In addition, oral reports were given on other aspects of Diocesan activities, all of which, together with miscellaneous matters raised by participants, were

continued -

discussed. The following are among the various observations made:

1. In the discussions of the budget, it was noted that the Diocesan headquarters should not be a fund-raising body, but should devote its energies to the essential mission of our church.

2. With respect to the Endowment fund, it was urged that the brochures prepared by the Diocese be distributed to our parishes with guide lines of procedure.

3. In the regions where several parishes are in close proximity to each other, the need for more effective and regular communications between them was stressed. At the very least, a formal arrangement was recommended for consultation about the schedule of the events to avoid conflict and to promote cooperation between the churches.

4. It was suggested that the Diocesan headquarters circulate to all parishes the activities and programs that are undertaken through the Diocese, as a source of new ideas that might be worthwhile considering.

5. The closed circuit TV programming, being actually utilized in St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Church in Wynnewood, was suggested as an effective educational aid for use in all parishes.

6. Book-keeping, Uniform Membership and reporting methods should be established by the Diocese for all parishes.

Prayerfully,

Atop Torkom Manoogian
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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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
8 Riverview Lane
Hohokus, N.J. 07423

October 24, 1974

Mr. Berdj Karagoz
St. Sarkis Armenian Church
300 Ninth Street
Niagara Falls, New York 14303

Dear Mr. Karagoz:

We have made a change in the regional meeting schedule, having asked the Syracuse parish to meet in Binghamton instead of in Niagara Falls as originally planned.

This arrangement enabled us to include Binghamton in our schedule of meetings.

Please omit consideration of the Syracuse delegation in your regional meeting plans.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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October 24, 1974

Mr. Manoog Mikaelian
Chairman, Parish Council
St. Paul's Armenian Church
310 Geddes Street
Syracuse, N.Y. 13204

Dear Mr. Mikaelian:

We expect to visit the Binghamton parish on the November 16 weekend, and would like to use the opportunity to include the parish in our schedule of regional meetings. We had left the parish out because the distances involved posed substantial difficulties.

In the circumstances, it would be most appropriate if your parish could arrange to shift its regional meeting site from Niagara Falls on December 7, to Binghamton on the November 16 weekend.

We asked the Binghamton parish to communicate with you so that you may together determine an appropriate time.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

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THE VERY REV. YEGHISHE GIZIRIAN
Pastor

October 24, 1974

Dear Father _____

As you have already been informed, His Eminence Archbishop Tor kom Manoogian, Primate of our Diocese, has appointed me President of the New England Regional Council. This Council consists of the Pastors and Chairmen of the Parish Councils and one Diocesan Delegate from each community.

His Eminence has requested me to set a date for the Regional Council meeting. After discussion with our Primate, it was recommended that we incorporate the Diocesan Regional meeting with the Regional Council meeting.

The Diocesan Regional meeting will be held on Friday evening, November 8, at the St. John The Divine Church in Springfield, which will include the following churches: Worcester, ~~Providence~~, Hartford, New Britain and Watertown, and on Saturday evening, November 9, at the St. James Church in Watertown, comprising the following churches: Boston, Haverhill, Lawrence and Lowell.

At these conferences the guidelines and procedures of this Council will be discussed and evaluated, under the presidency of our Primate.

Should there be any changes in plan you will be notified well in advance.

Most sincerely,

Very Reverend Yeghishe Gizirian

YG/rm

October 24, 1974

Dr. Noubar K. Astarjian
Chairman, Parish Council
St. Gregory The Illuminator Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghamton, N.Y. 13903

Dear Dr. Astarjian:

We share the views expressed in your letter of October 15, concerning a regional meeting in Binghamton. Perhaps Saturday evening, November 16 would be the most appropriate time, when a joint meeting of your organizations had been scheduled. This may be enlarged into a regional meeting with the participation of the Syracuse council and delegate.

Perhaps it would be best to leave the time to you. We will be arriving in Binghamton on November 16 at 10.18 am. (flight No. Alleghany 745) and expect to leave on November 17 at 6.20 pm. (flight Aleghany 748).

Please communicate with the Syracuse parish council and set a time convenient to both of you. We will write to Syracuse ourselves moving the site of their meeting from Niagara Falls to Binghamton.

Prayerfully,

c.c.Rev. K. Arakelian

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



12 CORBETT AVE.
BINGHAMTON, N. Y. 13903
(607) 722-8801

Oct. 15, 1974

The Most Rev. Archbishop
Torkom Manoogian ,
Primate ,Eastern Diocese,
Armenian Church of America,
630 Second Ave.,
New York , N.Y. 10016.

Serpazan Hayr :

We are looking forwards to your visit to our parish on Nov. 16 & 17 of this year. Arrangements have been made for your accomodations. However , if you would let us know how & at what time you would be arriving , we would be able to make further plans for these two days .

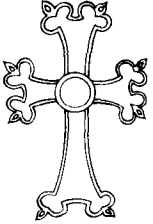
At our last Parish Council meeting we expressed the desire that a regeonal meeting for our parish would be beneficial. We have also noticed that the Syracuse Parish has been lumped with Niagara Falls & Ontario. This is a long ways from Syracuse. We were wondering if it would be possible to have a meeting combining our two parishes. Syracuse is only an hour away from us by car .

We will be looking forwards to hearing from you & seeing you in the near future.

Respectfully yours ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nubar".

Nubar K. Astarjian , M.D.
Chairman ,
Parish Council.



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Very Rev. Arshen Aivazian, Pastor

September 5, 1974

His Eminence Abp. Torkom Manoogian
Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Your Eminence:

At our Parish Council meeting on Tuesday,
September 3, we discussed the forthcoming Regional
Meetings schedule, in which we were assigned to
host the October 29th meeting of the churches in
this region.

We are honored for this assignment and we
look forward to hosting the Parish Council members
and the Delegates on October 29.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Arshen Aivazian
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August 14, 1974

Very Reverend Arshen Aivazian
Pastor & President of Parish Council
Holy Cross Armenian Church
580 West 187th Street
New York, New York 10033

Dear Father Arshen:

We are planning our 1974 fall Regional 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 Torkom Manoogian
Primate

Enclosure

cc: Mr. David Davidian
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St. James Armenian Apostolic Church

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September 5, 1974

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

Your Grace,

This is to inform that we are in receipt of your letter of August 14 inviting us to host a regional conference on Saturday, November 9. That day is convenient for us and we will be most happy to serve as host with a luncheon at 1:00p.m. and a meeting at 2:00p.m..

Respectfully yours,



Fr. Dajad Davidian

Pastor, St. James Armenian Church,
Watertown

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August 14, 1974

Reverend Dajad Davidian
Pastor & President of Parish Council
St. James Armenian Apostolic Church
465 Mount Auburn Street
Watertown, Massachusetts 02172

Dear Father Dajad:

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cc: Mr. Sahag Nahabedian

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August 28, 1974

Deacon Michael Ohanesian
St. Gregory The Illuminator
Armenian Church
6700 W. Diversey Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60635

Dear Deacon Michael:

His Eminence was pleased to receive your letter of August 23 confirming the selection of your parish as host for the October 27 regional meeting.

The Primate asked me to inform you also that he will celebrate the Divine Liturgy in your Church that morning.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian

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St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church

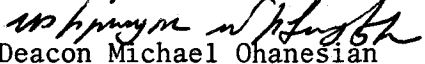
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August 23, 1974

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
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630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Your Grace,

Your letter of August 14, 1974 about the regional council meeting was discussed at our last parish council meeting. We most humbly accept the honor of being the host parish on Sunday, October 27 at 4:00 p.m. for the participating parishes of Chicago, Evanston, and East St. Louis.

Your loyal servant in Christ,

Deacon Michael Ohanesian

*letter: that the Primate will celebrate the Divine Liturgy
in Chicago Church -*

August 14, 1974

Reverend Nersess Jabejian
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. Girard Zirakian

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Very Reverend Houssig Bagdasian
Pastor & President of Parish Council
St. Mary Armenian Church
200 West Mt. Pleasant Avenue
Livingston, New Jersey 07039

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cc: Mr. Arthur Tevanian

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St. Gregory the Illuminator
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cc: Mr. Nishan Babikian

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Very Reverend Paren Avedikian
Pastor & President of Parish Council
St. John Armenian Church of
Greater Detroit
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dear Father Paren:

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Archbishop Terkem Manougian
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Enc.
cc: Mr. Harry Terzian

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Mr. Charles Sarkisian
Parish Council Chairman
St. Gregory The Illuminator
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49 Carlton Street
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Cheltenham, Pennsylvania 19012

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Please let us hear from you as soon as possible.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Tor Kom Manogian
Primate

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Jack Vishab

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invite by chairpersons*

August 14, 1974

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

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Primate

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cc: Mr. Gilbert Jandegian

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Mr. Charles Sarkisian
Parish Council Chairman
St. Gregory The Illuminator
Armenian Church
49 Carlton Street
St. Catharines, Ontario,
Canada

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