

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, N.Y.
630 Second Ave., New York, NY 10016-4885

REGIONAL MEETING

MID-WESTERN AREA PARISHES

Saturday, November 2, 1985 - 11:00 a.m.

HOLY RESURRECTION ARMENIAN CHURCH - HOST

909 Michigan Ave., So. Milwaukee, WI

AGENDA

- 1. Programs for the Youth:**
 - ACYOA, Jr. & Sr.
 - Youth Ministry
 - Summer Camps
 - Armenian and Sunday Schools
 - Curriculum Project
- 2. Diocesan Departments and their functions:**
 - a) BEMA and the PR office
 - b) Finance: Fund raising/Stewardships
Deeds/High Rise Project/Wills and Legacies
Annual Appeal/1986 Calendar
 - c) ACEF
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- 4. Special Issues:**
 - Unity
 - Uniformity of services, sacraments, rituals
 - Women's Guilds and Women's role in the Diocese
- 5. Services available through the Diocese:**
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 - Religious Items Store
 - Programming
- 6. Regional Issues:**
 - a) Diocesan Programs for the Midwest
 - b) Others
- 7. Open discussion**

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL MEETING OF THE MIDWESTERN AREA PARISHES
Saturday, November 2, 1985
Holy Resurrection Armenian Church
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Meeting was opened at 11:10 am with the Lord's Prayer and the singing of Soorp Asdvadz led by His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. Leif Peterson, Chairman of the Parish Council of Holy Resurrection, welcomed the delegates and introduced guests: the Honorable Vincent Gurahian, Chairman of the Diocesan Council, who would chair the meeting with Arthur Mardigian (Detroit), a member of the Diocesan Council; Michael Kermian, Executive Director; and Frank Stoneson, Chairman of Finance for the Diocese.

Judge Gurahian announced that 6b and 7 on the agenda would be treated as the same item. List of those present is appended to these minutes.

The agenda follows.

1. Programs for the Youth

ACYOA Juniors: Father Garabed Kochakian, St. Mesrob, Regional Coordinator and overseer of the Juniors, reported that all nine parishes in the Midwest were quite active in promoting the goals of the ACYOA, both religiously and culturally. During Nancy Basmanjian's visit, Ralph and Debbie Asdadourian were appointed to work with him to oversee several events in the parishes. Sports Weekend is their most important activity. This year a scholarship will be awarded to a person to attend St. Nerses Seminary.

ACYOA Seniors: Michael Kermian reported that next year will be the 40th Anniversary of the Seniors. However, they are not as strong as they once were. The Diocese is trying to encourage the youth to try to involve them. During the past Sports Weekend, there were 500 in attendance; at the Diocesan Assembly, 60 were present. The Armenian Studies Program is promoting an educational tour of Armenia. One request by the youth is that they want regional conferences. There are 22 chapters with 535 dues-paying members and 2500 on the mailing list. Four suggestions for Seniors are:

1. Great need for youth directors
2. College-age campus programs - visitations should be made to campuses where there is an Armenian community
3. Activities should be planned - new programs
4. Religious education for young people - this is the most serious issue

A project was instituted 1-1/2 years ago to find a candidate to help parishes form a committee in their own communities. This person would need training and support by the parish to help undertake his training and who would then return to help the

parishes. This idea has not taken off because they have not been able to find the young people. Finances are another problem. His Eminence suggested that a possibility would be for several parishes to present one candidate. Trained leaders are necessary for our youth, but financial support is also necessary.

Youth Ministry: There is no financial help for this program.

Summer Camps: Mr. Kermian reported there are two in the Diocese: St. Vartan and Hye Kamp. His report on St. Vartan stated that it was a successful 4-week session. For the first session, there were 105 students; the second session was attended by 70 students, but these numbers could be doubled and tripled. He had the complete report with him if anyone was interested. He had not as yet received the year-end report from Hye Kamp. He suggested the need for a professional staff to formulate programs. At the next Diocesan meeting, they want to develop a summer project that will run more successfully.

Armenian and Sunday Schools: Father Garabed reported the Sunday Schools in the Midwest were operating very well, with workshops attended by all but Belleville.

St. John's, Greenfield, said they have 14-15 students with a teaching staff of 5. Their superintendent attended the Mardigian Institute. They have added a language class, and are using the curriculum furnished by the Diocese.

Holy Resurrection, South Milwaukee, has no active Sunday School. In the interim, the students are singing in the Choir and serving at the altar. They expect to re-activate very shortly. There is no Armenian School.

St. George, Waukegan, has no Armenian or Sunday School.

St. James, Evanston, has no Armenian School, and Sunday School attendance is very inconsistent. There are anywhere from 6 to 25 students with 7 teachers.

St. Gregory, Chicago, has no Armenian School, but they do have a Sunday School. They are having difficulty finding teachers.

St. Joachim and Anne, Palos Heights, has 25 registered Sunday School students and 5 teachers. No adult Armenian School, but they expect to re-activate in January. They already have 12 to 15 students registered.

Belleville had no report.

St. John's, Detroit, uses the Diocesan curriculum in their Church School. They have 250 students with many 5-6-year olds. They have 10 students per teacher. Their pre-school has 40 children. They do not have an Armenian language program, but there is an adult program. They have initiated a Church Junior Choir which meets on Sundays prior to Sunday School with 20 students participating.

St. Mesrob, Racine, has 23 children in Armenian School, 19 adults plus 5 in the advanced class. They are meeting on the same evening with classes beginning and ending at the same time. Ms. Sylva Der Stepanian held a 3-day workshop, with a ALLARK graduation. They sent one of their teachers to the mini-college at the Diocese who returned with many ideas.

Their Sunday School has 57 students with a staff of 18 teachers. The Diocesan curriculum is being used and the program is going well. The teachers meet once a month for discussion purposes. They intend to send teachers to the Mardigian Institute. This year, they celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Sunday School. They have the distinction of being the first Sunday School in the Diocese. Their founder, Mr. Toros Madaghjian, was honored at the anniversary celebration. His Holiness sent him a gontag.

The suggestion was made by Charley Kademian that a tape be made in Armenian with the English word following, similar to the Berlitz program. A tape is available in California, but not at our Diocese. Judge Gurahian instructed Mr. Kermian to place this on the agenda for discussion at the next Diocesan Council meeting.

Religious Education Curriculum Project: Mr. Kermian reported that some material is ready now, consisting of 15 books for the students and 15 books for the teachers. It is intended for the Diocese Sunday Schools and Day Schools, and covers a 32-week period. There are 8 units. This has been a major undertaking which has taken about 4 years. Some books are in print now and will be ready for 1986, but funds have to be raised. The budget is \$300,000. The parishes have been requested to send \$2000 but so far only 2 parishes have responded (\$4000). A suggestion was made previously that individual donors be found for individual grade books. A meeting was held September 12 at the Diocese. The parishes were broken down into various regions. A committee was formed to find donors depending upon the potential of the community. This was sent to the clergy and they are asked to compose a committee. Another suggestion was for the clergy collectively to support the finances of one book. At the present time, there are no other monies available for the project.

2. Diocesan Departments and Their Functions

a. BEMA and the PR Office

BEMA has national coverage and AVEDIS and ARSHALOOYS are religious publications. Readers are enjoying the BEMA which keeps them in touch with the Diocese and other parishes. The most important function of the BEMA is to be a religious and literary publication for its readers. The circulation is between 25,000 and 30,000. It is sent free to anyone who wants it. In the future, BEMA will carry a message from the Primate and there will be a section for the parishes. Two pages of the publication will be in Armenian with a total of between 8 to 12 pages with 8 as the norm. In addition, Armenians in the news will be highlighted as well as our clergy. There will also be book reviews. Mr. Kermian said if anyone was receiving more than one copy, to let the Diocese know.

A suggestion was made to eliminate the personal news such as weddings, etc. Father Tateos (Greenfield) suggested a quarterly publication in booklet form for future and convenient use.

b. Finances/Fund Raising

A department was organized in 1984. During the past two years, they have established a long-term financing program for the Archbishop Fund. They would like to raise \$5,000,000 with the principal invested in the Endowment Fund. The basic structure is to develop organizations in the various regions: New York, New Jersey, New England and the Midwest. Regional chairman is Edward Mardigian. The Diocesan Council will meet with him on how to break down the \$5,000,000. The hope is that 1000 people will donate \$1000 for 5 years.

1986 Calendars are ready for mailing. The artwork was done by the children of our Diocese. This year, there will be no Christmas Seals. In previous years, 26,000 calendars have been mailed out with an income of about \$50,000 to \$60,000. Printing costs are about 50% of that.

A suggestion was made by Charley Kademian that professional advice be sought in composing an effective cover letter that accompanies the calendars with the intent that it might prove more effective in raising funds.

Stewardship.

Holy Trinity Church was to develop a program at the Assembly, but it was put on hold.

Wills. Legacies.

There is no formal program. The Diocese has offered its services to those who do not have anyone and don't know how to go about making wills. A committee should be formed in each community to help these people.

Deeds.

Copies of deeds of the churches should be sent to the Diocese. Some parishes have complied, but some have not. Mr. Stoneson said several reminders have been sent, but still some parishes have not responded. He reminded the parishes to also send the Diocese a copy of the insurance policy and to make sure the name of the Diocese is on the policy also. Also important is to have adequate coverage.

Hise-Rise Project.

This is on hold until 1986. Certain members of the Board of Trustees are opposed to the project, and have offered to find an alternate plan for source of income. There will be a vote taken before the next Assembly, or there will be satisfactory indication that there will be a reliable source of income which will be sufficient to meet the needs of the Diocese. If there is not a majority at a joint meeting, then 2/3 present can pass it.

ACEF.

Copies of the report were submitted by Arthur Mardigian. The Endowment Fund will reduce the parish assessment.

Several months ago, a commemorative medal was sent to all parishes. They are \$1000 each. The money does not have to be sent now, but \$200 of the total will be returned to that particular parish.

The meeting recessed at 1:10 pm for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 2:20 pm.

3. Regionalization

The Northeast region seems to be working out well. Mesrob Marsoobian gave a report on the Midwest Regional Council. Meetings are held about 4 times a year. Hye Kamp is sponsored by the MRC, but more clergy are needed to assist. The meetings are not that well-attended because of the difficulties of finding a date that is

suitable to all. He suggested that a calendar be made far in advance to resolve that problem.

4. Special Issues

Unity.

Very little to report. There have been no future meetings scheduled between the two sides.

Uniformity of Services, Sacraments, Rituals.

The Primate has appointed Father Arnak Kasparian, Father Karakin Kasparian, Father Carnig Hallegian and Vicar General Khajag Barsamian to deal with these problems. They are to look at the different issues for improvement. They have had several meetings with concentration on baptisms, weddings and funerals.

The question was raised if our Church believed in cremation. The Primate answered that our families should be taught that if anyone desires to cremate their loved ones, they should first contact the priest, carry out all the sacraments, including the night service, the body should be taken to Church, the service should be held at the cemetery, and then cremation can be performed. Memorial service can be requested. There has been no formal statement on cremation by the Church.

Women's Guild and Women's Role in the Diocese.

There is a great source of talent available to us. There are many roles in the Diocese for women.

5. Services Available through the Diocese.

Bookstore.

The Diocesan Center is the hub of community activities. Much is available, and the parishes should ask for help, if they are in need of the artists, musicians, actors, lecturers.

Religious Item Store.

This has been established recently. A list of books and other items will be included in the next issue of the BEMA.

6. Regional Issues

The question was raised why programs prepared for the Diocese cannot be videotaped and sent to the parishes for their use. Judge Gurahian asked that that be placed on the agenda for the December meeting of the Diocesan Council.

Open Discussion.

The Primate said at the present time there is no priest available for Holy Resurrection, but that sometimes situations change on the part of a priest and a parish. Even though a priest becomes available, he must be accepted by the Parish Council. The question was asked why priests are not rotated. The Primate answered that he does not have the authority to do so. He explained:

1. If the parish has a candidate, the parish should vote to present him as a candidate
2. If the Primate has more than 2 candidates, he presents the slate and the parish votes for one of them
3. When there is no candidate, the Primate, together with the Parish Council, assigns a priest to a parish, if a priest is available.

The Parish Council has the perogative to accept or reject the offer. Just as one cannot force a priest to take a position, one cannot force a priest to remain in a parish if he chooses to leave. If there is a vacancy, the Primate can designate a priest pending on his election by the Parish Assembly.

The question was asked how increments were to be paid. It was explained that a fund was to be established, and that the increments were to be paid for by that fund. The fund needed \$20,000. The only way to get the monies was through parish assessments, so the fund was not created.

A special note was made that all parishes should encourage the young people to go into the Seminary.

The Primate said the most important mission of the Armenian Church is to save our heritage. We need more education and more priests. This issue is being addressed at every Diocesan Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Hadjinian

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PRESENT

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian

Vincent Gurahian, Chairman, Diocesan Council, New York

Michael Kermian, Executive Director, Diocese, New York

Frank Avakian Stoneson, Chairman of Finance, Diocese, New York

Arthur S. Mardigian, St. John, Detroit

Edward B. Kokoian, St. John, Detroit

Rev. Vahram R. ^{Nezarian} ~~Hagan~~, St. Gregory, Chicago

Very Rev. Varoujan Dz.V. Kabaradjian, St. James, Evanston

Mariam Tatosian, St. James, Evanston

Lisa Coloian, St. James, Evanston

Alice Gregorian, St. James, Evanston

Minas Keutelian, St. James, Evanston

Rev. Krikor Hairabedian, St. Joachim & Anne, Palos Heights

Andrew Sahagian, St. Joachim & Anne, Palos Heights

Daniel Hairabedian, St. Joachim & Anne, Palos Heights

Mesrob Marsoobian, St. George, Waukegan

Rev. Garabed Kochakian, St. Mesrob, Racine

Sarkis Cherkinian, St. Mesrob, Racine

Mikael Garoukian, St. Mesrob, Racine

Rev. Tateos Abdalian, St. John, Greenfield

Mike Kaishian, St. John, Greenfield

Lynn Kaishian, St. John, Greenfield

Michael Kaishian, St. John, Greenfield

Ramelann Kalagian, St. John, Greenfield

Arthur Kashian, St. John, Greenfield

Charles Kaishian, St. John, Greenfield

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Present

Charley Kademian, Holy Resurrection, South Milwaukee

Grace Hadjinian, Holy Resurrection, South Milwaukee

Sam Hadjinian, Holy Resurrection, South Milwaukee

Leif Peterson, Holy Resurrection, South Milwaukee

Elliot Kashian, Holy Resurrection, South Milwaukee

Rose Esaian, Holy Resurrection, South Milwaukee

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REGIONAL MEETING

PENNSYLVANIA PARISHES

Monday, December 9, 1985 - 6:30 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH - HOST

101 Ashmead Rd., Cheltenham, PA

AGENDA

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 - Women's role in the Church
4. **Services available through the Diocese:**
5. **Regional Issues**
6. **Open discussion**

Attendance - Regional meeting 12/9/88

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MINUTES
REGIONAL MEETING
NEW ENGLAND AREA CHURCHES

The regional meeting of New England area churches was held in Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts on Saturday, December 14, 1985. Archbishop Tokom Manoogian offered the opening prayer. The meeting was called to order by Judge Vincent Gurahian, Chairman of the Diocesan Council.

Present were delegates from: Holy Trinity-Cambridge; Sts. Vartanantz - Chelmsford; Holy Cross - Lawrence; St. Gregory - Haverhill; St. James - Watertown; St. Mark - Springfield; Our Saviour - Worcester; St. George - Hartford; Holy Resurrection - New Britain; and Sts. Sahag & Mesrob - Providence.

I. PROGRAMS FOR THE YOUTH:

Vicar Khajag Barsamian reported that the ACYOA will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year. Plans include: visit to Armenia, basketball tournament to be held in April of 1986 in Bayside, New York; leadership seminar to be held in May. College campus programs to be established in areas of high enrollments of Armenian students. Need to encourage youth to plan careers in the priesthood.

Crosby Goshgarian questioned a joint dance held with St. Thomas ACYOA and the separated brethren and asked that the Diocesan Council meet with the Parish Council of St. Thomas church regarding this matter.

Youth Ministry Michael Kermian reported that the Diocese proposes a two year program to provide education for individuals to become Youth Directors whose purpose will be to bring the youth back to the church. The \$10,000 expenditure could be shared by two parishes, individuals must agree to work for 2-4 years for that parish and devote all energies to the program. Thus far only one parish has accepted this proposal. Fr. Mampre reported that we look into ACYOA and Youth Ministry programs this problem must be dealt with as this is a problem affecting the entire Christian church community and is not unique to the Armenian churches.

James Kaloostian of Holy Trinity spoke of changes in our society, we are not the society of 20 years ago, we must adjust to today's society. We must work together, this is a collective problem we look to the Diocese for direction. Fr. Samoorian stated that the Diocese has failed to deal with this vital issue. Fr. Yeretian stated that the youth movement should be taken seriously by local parishes -- priests and parents working together to promote relations with the church.

Youth Directors are needed in each parish--individual will be look up to, priests are not trained as Youth Directors, with directors aid priest will be able to address other important issues.

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Fr. Yeprem Kelegian stated that finding an individual to fill this position is not a simple matter, the position must be a guaranteed one to this individual and it must be a secure position to attract qualified individuals. Mr. Dan Dorian suggested that we start with the Sunday School children ages 3-4 to keep them interested in their church and their community.

Fr. Mampre Kouzouian spoke of the college aged students in the Boston area who have been meeting during the month for dinner, meetings, or social functions. Fr. Mampre spoke of the church's role in assuming a leadership role in this age group--other political groups are disguising themselves to attract our young people, they have monies available to offer trips, pay for hotel accommodations, meals and transportation.

ACYOA Nancy Bashmajian reported that 28-30 chapters are active in the Eastern Diocese. 1,000 names on the mailing list. Quarterly publications mailed out. Directory published every two years, parish visitations made to each chapter and prospective chapters.

Summer Camps - Michael Kermian reported that St. Vartan's summer camp has an excellent program. Fr. Pare and Nancy Bashmajian are doing an excellent job. 105 campers attended 2 week sessions at a cost of \$195 per person. Campers age group 8-14. Other areas should be developed to attract Armenian campers, endowment funds should be established to send youths to St. Nerses and summer camps. Other sites for camps should be developed to attract youths from all areas and enable them to attend and enjoy the experience of being with Armenian youths and learning about their heritage.

Armenian School and Sunday School Vicar Barsamian explained that our Diocese schools are very well organized. Armenian schools we have 40 schools for children and adults -- they have tests, guidelines, work books and games. Very professional curriculums have been developed. One Day Crash Course - 500 young people participated in October 12, 1985 program at these sessions language and history are taught.

Department of Religious Education publications include: "Avedis" a magazine for adults and middle level students. Newly published "40 Days of Lent" contains recipes and church customs.

Curriculum Project 15 volumes have been prepared during the last five years and are ready for publication. Mr. Stoneson reported that Books and Manuals cost \$15,000 to publish at each grade level. The Diocese is seeking sponsors to underwrite the costs of publication. Frustration exists within our church Sunday Schools due to the lack of curriculum, the publications of these

texts will eliminate these frustrations. Each parish must have a commitment to the Diocese, each parish should be the benefactor of at least one grade levels publication.

II. DIOCESAN DEPARTMENT AND THEIR FUNCTIONS:

Michael Kermian explained that the BEMA was the news of the Diocese, a forum of opinions. Mailings sent to 26,000 at a cost of \$10,000 a year to publish. Position available for full time Public Relations officer at the Diocese, seeking individual who has experience in the area. Efforts to date have been unsuccessful in trying to fill this position.

ACEF - Armenian Church Endowment Fund Victor Arzmoomanian reported that in the six years he has been in charge of the fund it has increased from 1.5 million dollars to 3 million dollars, with 60% of the income going towards programs of the Diocese.

Finance and Fund Raising Mr. Stoneson reported that of 26,000 mailings sent out for the Annual Appeal of the Diocese only 679 responded to the 1985 Fund Drive. The Rug Sale brought in \$180,000. The Archbishop's Fund has a goal of 5 million dollars to be raised over a 5 year period with the principle investment in the Diocese. Question raised by Crosby Goshgarian, "Is there a duplication of efforts between the ACEF and the Diocese Appeal"? According to Mr. Stoneson there is no overlapping in this area.

Stewardship Program eventually this will be the program for all churches. Seminar program is available for any parish interested in establishing a Stewardship Program in their parish. Archbishop Manogian stated that under this program each individual member of the family contributes to the program.

Deeds all church deeds should be in the name of the Diocese -- to date only five New England parishes have complied with this ruling.

High Rise Project information has been updated at this time, but the Board of Trustees has some misgivings, they have until April to come up with an alternative plan to bring in at least \$500,000 per year or the high rise project will be set to "go". The feeling according to Judge Gurahian is that the plan will be approved. Plans for air rights to put a 40 story building over the church, administrative building and plaza and it should provide an annual income of \$1.5 million per year.

Wills and Legacies there is a need to educate our parishioners to include the church in their wills. Speakers should be made available to address senior groups. At this time we have no

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formal program set up, but something should be done to address this issue.

III. REGIONALIZATION:

Mr. Zarvin Kasparian reported that the present status is rapidly moving ahead. Only two (2) parishes (Chelmsford and Haverhill) have not submitted members to the regionalization committee. Brochures detailing progress to date distributed. Mr. Kasparian requested that the regional office be listed on each parish mailing list. Purpose of regionalization is to meet the needs of our parishes, and to enable parishes to work as a unit for a dynamic church and to more effectively guide and service the Armenian community.

IV. SPECIAL ISSUES:

Unity Committee has been dormant for the past 1 1/2 years. Fr. Mampre spoke of his concerns in the community -- some communities have taken things into their own hands. Example: St. Thomas Church Dance. Fr. Mampre feels we should stop unity movement and re-instate all previous policies. Fr. Baret Yeretzian questioned Martyr's celebration program especially in Providence because of the situation which exists there with the three churches participating -- no reply given by the Primate.

Uniformity of services, sacrament and rituals - a conclusive report to be submitted to the Primate regarding these issues.

Women's Guilds role in the Church - elected an ad hoc committee which is working on a set of By-Laws. Women's Central Council slate to be presented at the Annual Assembly in May of 1986.

Role of Women in the Church role of women expanding in the church - serve as parish council members and delegates. Women ordained to the diaconate? Judge Gurahian feels that the Primate will be called upon to make a decision regarding this issue at the Annual Assembly in May of 1986.

V. SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DIOCESE:

Mr. Kermian reported that the Diocese Bookstore offers many gift items, books, and religious items. Programs offered by the Diocese include: cultural, educational and religious activities. Again, noted that Public Relations position is vacant, this is an important position which needs to be filled.

VI. REGIONAL ISSUES:

Suggestion by Michael Yapachian that a joint service be held at the Cathedral of the Pines during July hosted with a luncheon by the Fitchburg community. After much discussion it was decided

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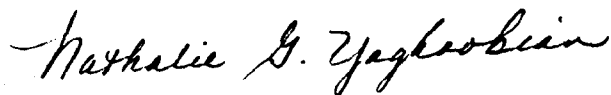
that this function would be planned by Watertown and regional Vicar Baret Yeretizian handling arrangements.

Columbia collection for the victims of the volcano. Notification has been mailed to each parish by the Diocese to have a special collection for the victims.

Haverhill delegates asked when they would have a priest?

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m. Archbishop Manogian in his closing prayer gave thanks to the Parish Council, delegates and Women's Guild of Holy Trinity church for hosting the regional meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Nathalie G. Yaghoobian
Secretary



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

TO: The Reverend Clergy, Parish Council Chairmen, Parish Council Members
and Diocesan Delegates

SUBJECT: TRI-STATE AREA CHURCHES - REGIONAL MEETING

FROM: Michael M. Kermian

DATE: November 27, 1985

Attached is the Agenda for the regional meeting next Thursday, December 5.

Please circulate, and if there are any new items you wish to add on the agenda please bring them with you to the meeting.

Best regard,

M.K.

P.S. Please distribute the enclosed to Parish Council Members and Delegates

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REGIONAL MEETING

TRI-STATE AREA CHURCHES

Thursday, December 5, 1985 - 7:30 m.m.

Diocesan Complex

630 2nd Ave., New York, NY 10016

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 - ACYOA, Jr. & Sr.
 - Youth Ministry
 - Summer Camps
 - Armenian and Sunday Schools
 - Curriculum Project
2. **Diocesan Departments and their functions:**
 - a) BEMA and the PR office
 - b) Finance: Fund raising/Stewardships
Deeds/High Rise Project/Wills and Legacies
Annual Appeal/1986 Calendar
 - c) ACEF
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4. **Special Issues:**
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 - Uniformity of services, sacraments, rituals
 - Women's Guilds and Women's role in the Diocese
5. **Services available through the Diocese:**
 - Bookstore
 - Religious Items Store
 - Programming
6. **Regional Issues**
7. **Open discussion**



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

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

December 2, 1985

TO: The Reverend Clergy, Parish Council Chairmen, Parish Council Members and Diocesan Delegates

SUBJECT: REGIONAL MEETING - FLORIDA, TEXAS & SOUTHERN AREA CHURCHES

St. John Armenian Church	Miami, FL
Armenian Church of South Florida	Fort Lauderdale, FL
St. Hagop Armenian Church	St. Petersburg, FL
St. Garabed Armenian Church	Orlando, FL
St. Kevork	Houston, TX
Armenian Church of San Antonio	San Antonio, TX
Armenian Church of Dallas	Dallas, TX
Armenian Church Council of Memphis	Memphis, TN
Armenian Church Council of Atlanta	Atlanta, GA
Armenian Cultural Assoc. of New Mexico	Albuquerque, NM

A regional meeting for the South and South Western area churches will be held on Saturday, January 25, 1986 at 10:30 a.m. in the St. John the Baptist Armenian Church, 120 North East 16th St., Miami, FL.

We urge you to attend this conference and participate in the discussions involving the revitalization of your community and the church.

The purpose of these regional meetings should be to provide a forum to exchange opinions and suggestions toward improving our community life as Armenians and Christians, reflect on our past experience with a view to building a better future for us and for our youth.

If you wish to add any particular topic on the agenda, let us know as soon as possible.

Plan to be with us, and please complete and return the enclosed form to us.

Prayerfully,

ch. Torkom Manoogian

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

**TO: Michael M. Kermian
Diocese of the Armenian
Church of America, N.Y.
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016-4885**

**FROM: Name:

Position:

Address:

Parish:**

Please note that I will attend the January 25, 1986 South and South Western meeting at:

St. John the Baptist Armenian Church
120 North East 16th St.
Miami, FL 33132
(Tel.) (305) 371-4484

Regrets, I will not be able to attend.

Date:

Signature:

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH, N.Y.

AGENDA

REGIONAL MEETING

SOUTHERN AREA PARISHES

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ARMENIAN CHURCH - HOST

Saturday, March 2, 1985 - 10:00 a.m.

1. REPORTS:

Regionalization
High Rise Projects
Armenian Church Endowment Fund
ACYOA
Fundraising
Unity
Uniformity of services, sacraments and rituals throughout the Diocese

2. UPDATE ON 70th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM

3. PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE:

Function of the PR office and how it can serve local parishes.
Role of the local parishes (maintaining updated mailing lists, etc.).
Discussion: Suggestions for improvement.

4. BEMA - Plans for 1985 and beyond

5. IMPLEMENTING THE YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM

6. WOMEN'S GUILDS - Representation at Diocesan level

7. LOCAL ISSUES:

Armenian Language and Sunday Schools
Stewardship Program
Other



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

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

January 11, 1985

TO: The Reverend Clergy, Parish Council Chairmen, Parish Council Members, Diocesan Delegates and Church Organizations

SUBJECT: REGIONAL MEETING

St. Mary	Elberon	St. Gregory	New York City
St. Leon	Fair Lawn	Holy Cross	New York City
St. Mary	Livingston	Armenian Church	N. Westchester
St. Thomas	Tenafly	St. James	Westchester
Holy Cross	Union City	Western Queens	Woodside
St. Vartan	New York	Holy Ascension	Trumbull
Holy Martyrs	Bayside		

The Regional meeting of the New York and New Jersey area churches will be held on Thursday, March 7, 1985 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Armenian Church Tenafly, NJ.

It is important that everyone attends this conference and takes advantage of the opportunity to address ourselves to some of the most pressing issues of our church and region.

We have on our agenda certain topics, such as Youth and the role of the Clergy, Spiritual Renewal, Observance of the 70th Anniversary of the Genocide, Unity, Stewardship, St. Nersess Seminary, etc. and would appreciate having your suggestions for discussion items. Kindly send them to us as soon as possible so that they can be included on the agenda.

We trust the regional conference will provide a forum for all of us to address ourselves to the real problems and establish a clear objective for the future of our parishes.

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Prayerfully,
Arch. Torkom Manoogian
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate



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

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

DATE

Mr. Michael Kermian
Director of Operations
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016

..... I WILL ATTEND THE NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY AREA
Regional Meeting on Thursday, March 7
at 7:00 pm at St. Thomas Armenian Church
of Tenafly, NJ

..... I WILL NOT ATTEND the Regional Meeting on
March 7.

..... Pastor

..... Parish Council Chairman

..... Parish Council Member

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

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

January 14, 1985

TO: The Reverend Clergy, Parish Council Chairmen, Parish Council Members, Delegates, Church Organizations

SUBJECT: REGIONAL MEETINGS: MID-WESTERN AREA CHURCHES

St. John	Detroit	St. James	Evanston
St. Gregory	Cleveland	St. George	Waukegan
St. Gregory	Chicago	St. John	Greenfield
Sts. Joachim	Palos Heights	St. Mesrob	Racine
Holy Shoghagat	Belleville	Holy Resurrection	S. Milwaukee

The Regional Meeting of the Mid-Western area churches will be held on Saturday, March 9, at the St. James Armenian Church, 817 Clark Street, Evanston, Illinois 60201, at 10:30 a.m.

It is important that everyone attends this conference and takes advantage of the opportunity to address ourselves to some of the most pressing issues of our church and region.

We have on our agenda certain topics, such as Youth and the Role of the Clergy, Spiritual Renewal, Observance of the 70th Anniversary of the Genocide, Unity, Stewardship, St. Nersess Seminary, etc. and would appreciate having your suggestions for discussion items. Kindly send them to us as soon as possible so that they can be included on the agenda.

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Prayerfully,

Abp. Torkom Manoogian

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

Enclosure

DATE.....

Mr. Michael Kermian
Director of Operations
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016

..... I WILL ATTEND THE MID-WESTERN ARMENIAN CHURCHES
REGIONAL meeting on March 9, 1985 at St. James
Armenian Church, Evanston

..... I WILL NOT ATTEND the March 9, 1985 Regional meeting

..... Pastor

..... Parish Council Chairman

..... Parish Council Member

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

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

January 21, 1985

TO: The Reverend Clergy, Parish Council Chairmen, Parish Council Members, Diocesan Delegates and Church Organizations

SUBJECT: REGIONAL MEETING

St. Mary Armenian Church	Washington, DC
Holy Trinity Church	Cheltenham, PA
Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Church	Wynnewood, PA
St. James Armenian Church	Richmond, VA

The regional meeting of the Washington, Pennsylvania and Virginia area churches will be held on Saturday, March 16 at 11:00 a.m. at the St. Mary Armenian Church, 41-25 Fessenden Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

It is important that everyone attends this conference and takes advantage of the opportunity to address ourselves to some of the most pressing issues of our church and region.

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Ab. Torkom Manoogian

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

DATE.....

Mr. Michael Kermian
Director of Operations
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016

..... I WILL ATTEND THE WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA AND
VIRGINIA AREA Regional Meeting on March 16 at
11:00 am at St. Mary Armenian Church of Washington, DC.

..... I WILL NOT ATTEND the Regional Meeting on
March 16.

..... Pastor

..... Parish Council Chairman

..... Parish Council Member

..... Delegate

..... Other

NAME:.....

PARISH:.....

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REGIONAL MEETINGS

SPRING 1985

Sat., March 2 - Southern Area - Miami, Florida

Thurs., March 7 - New York/New Jersey Area - Tenafly, NJ

Sat., March 9 - Mid-West Area - Evanston, Illinois

Sat., March 16 - PA/WASH., DC/VA Area - Wash., DC

Sat. Mar. 23 - Northern New York Area - Syracuse, NY

D I O C E S E O F T H E A R M E N I A N C H U R C H

REGIONAL MEETING - SPRING 1985

SOUTHERN AREA

Saturday, March 2, 1985 - 10:00 A.M.

Parishes:

Host Church - St. John the Baptist Armenian Church
120 N.E. 16th Street
Miami, Florida (305) 471-4484

Armenian Church of South Florida
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

St. Kevork Armenian Church
Houston, Texas

Armenian Community of Dallas
Dallas Texas

Armenian Community of San Antonio
San Antonio, Texas

Armenian Church Council of Memphis
Memphis, Tenn.

Armenian Community of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

D I O C E S E O F T H E A R M E N I A N C H U R C H

REGIONAL MEETING - SPRING 1985

NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY AREA

Thursday, March 7, 1985

7:30 P.M.

Parishes:

Host Church - St. Thomas Armenian Church
Rte. 9W and East Clinton Ave.
Tenafly, NJ (201) 567-5446

St. Mary Armenian Church
Elberon, NJ

St. Leon Armenian Church
Fair Lawn, NJ

St. Mary Armenian Church
Livingston, NJ

Holy Cross Armenian Church
Union City, NJ

St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral
New York, NY

St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church
New York, NY

Holy Cross Armenian Church
New York, NY

Holy Martyr's Armenian Church
Bayside, NY

Armenian Church of Western Queens
Woodside, NY

Armenian Church of No. Westchester

St. James Armenian Church
Purchase, NY

Holy Ascension Armenian Church
Trumbull, CT

D I O C E S E O F T H E A R M E N I A N C H U R C H

REGIONAL MEETING - SPRING 1985

MID-WEST AREA

Saturday, March 9, 1985 - 10:00 A.M.

Parishes:

Host Parish - St. James Armenian Church
816 Clark Street
Evanston, IL (312) 864-6263

St. Gregory Armenian Church
Chicago, IL

Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Church
Palos Heights, IL

Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church
Belleville, IL

St. George Armenian Church
Waukegan, IL

St. John Armenian Church
Detroit, MI

St. John Armenian Church
Greenfield, WI

St. Mesrob Armenian Church
Racine, WI

Holy Resurrection Armenian Church
So. Milwaukee, WI

St. Gregory Armenian Church
Cleveland, OH

D I O C E S E O F T H E A R M E N I A N C H U R C H

REGIONAL MEETING - SPRING 1985

PENNSYLVANIA/WASHINGTON, D.C./VIRGINIA AREA

Saturday, March 16, 1985 - 10:00 A.M.

Parishes:

Host Church - St. Mary Armenian Church
4125 Fessenden Street, NW
Washington, D.C. (203) 363-1923

Holy Trinity Armenian Church
Cheltenham, PA

Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church
Wynnewood, PA

St. James Armenian Church
Richmond, VA

Cancelled

D I O C E S E O F T H E A R M E N I A N C H U R C H

REGIONAL MEETING - SPRING 1985

NORTHERN NEW YORK AREA

Saturday, March 23, 1985 - 10:00 A.M.

Parishes:

Host Church - St. Paul Armenian Church
310 No. Geddes Street
Syracuse, NY (315) 422-9047

St. Sarkis Armenian Church
Niagara Falls, NY

St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church
Binghamton, NY

Armenian Community of Rochester
Rochester, NY

Sydney

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL MEETING
December 14, 1985

		Accepted	Regrets
Fr. Mampre	Cambridge	*	
Setna M. Tashjian	Cambridge	*	
Arthur Panosian	"	*	
James Kalustian	"	*	
Maylinn Soursourian	"	*	
John Soursourian	"	*	
Daniel Dorian	"	*	
Stephen Panosian	"	*	
Edward Boghsoian	Providence	*	
Edward Eranosian	"	*	
Nathalie Yaghoobian	"	*	
Bertha Bugurdichian	"	*	
Fr. Yepram	Hartford		*
Clement Ashekian	"		*
Fr. Zenob	Lawrence	*	
Azad Juknavorian	Chelmsford	*	
John Dumanian	"		*
Fr. Garen Gdanian	Watervliet	*	
Sarkis Hachigian	"	*	
Ralph Vartigian	"	*	
Martin Kenosian	"	*	
Fr. Vartan	N. Britain		*
Paul Abrahamian	"	*	
Fr. Dajad	Watertown	*	
Michael Yapchaian	"	*	
Charles Gukeserian	"	*	
Harry Sarkisian	"	*	
Karen Dederyan	"	*	
Nerses Bergoodian	"	*	
Edward Kazanjian			
Angel Ohanesian			

Accepted

Regrets

Joseph Ananian
Malcolm Barsamian
Arshag Gechijian
E. Newster
James Etmekjian
Crosby Goshgarian
Haig Haroutunian

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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, N.Y.
630 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10016-4885

REGIONAL MEETING

NEW ENGLAND AREA CHURCHES

Saturday, December 14, 1985 - 10:30 a.m.

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH - HOST

145 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA

AGENDA

- 1. Programs for the Youth:**
 - ACYOA, Jr. & Sr.
 - Youth Ministry
 - Summer Camps
 - Armenian and Sunday Schools
 - Curriculum Project
- 2. Diocesan Departments and their functions:**
 - a) BEMA and the PR office
 - b) Finance: Fund-raising/Stewardships
Deeds/High Rise Project/Wills and Legacies
 - c) ACEF
- 3. Regionalization**
- 4. Special Issues:**
 - Unity
 - Uniformity of services, sacraments, rituals
 - Women's role in the Church
- 5. Services available through the Diocese:**
- 6. Regional Issues**
 - Communication and planning of major events
- 7. Open discussion**

Diocesan Regional Meeting - Dec. 14, 1985
Holy Trinity - Cambridge

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PARISH</u>
1. Rachel Byllegian	Holy Trinity - Boston
2. Costy Goshagian	St. James - Wat.
3. Paul Abrahamian	Holy Resurrection - New Britain
4. Peter Bagdikian	" " " "
5. EUGENE Raphachian	Holy Trinity, Boston
6. Haig Haroutyan	St. James
7. Andy Channanian	St. James Wat.
8. Anna Danyan	St. James Watertown
9. Ed Brewster	St. James Watertown
10. Charles Guluzian	St. James Watertown
11. Zeph, Phj.	St. James Watertown
12. Stephen Panosian	HOLY TRINITY - CAMBRIDGE
13. Azad Juknavonian	St. Vartanaty Chelmsford
14. V. Rev. Ghunt Samsonian	St. Vartanaty, Chelmsford.
15. Harry Kaprelian	Holy Trinity Cambridge
16. James M. Kalustian	Holy Trinity - Cambridge
17. Charles R. Kochakian	Holy Cross - Lawrence
18. Sahag Sahagian	Holy Cross - Lawrence
19. Paul Jamilian	St. Gregory's - Haverhill
20. James Postaman	St. Gregory's - Haverhill
21. Vosker Postanian	St. Gregory - Haverhill
22. Edward Boghosian	St. John, St. Mesit - Providence
23. Martine Solodian	St. Sahag & St. Mesrob - Providence
24. Bertha Megurdichian	" " " "
25. Nathalie Yaghoobian	" " " "

	NAME	PARISH
26.	Nitz D. Ayvazian	EX DIR ACER
27	Armen Jermakian	St Mark, Springfield
28	V. Rev. Nourhan Manoukian	" " "
29	Frank Avakian-Houston	Diocese
30	DANIEL DORIAN	DIOCESAN COUNCIL
31	Father Barut Yezirian	pastor and Diocesan Council.
32	Vincent Gurabian	Diocesan Council
33	Jarrin Kasparian	Diocesan Council
34	Fr. Khajag Barsamian	Diocese
35.	Michael Kermian	"

December 5, 1985

Ms. Grace Hadjinian
208 Marshall Avenue
So. Milwaukee, WI 53172

Dear Grace:

Thank you for the minutes and the pictures of the regional meeting. You have done a thorough job covering the important points of the discussion. I look forward to receiving the newsrelease, whenever you have a chance to sent it.

I owe you, Terry and Leif a big thank you for the hospitality you extended during our visit. Aside from the meeting arrangements, the dinner on Saturday night was a special treat.

It was a pleasure meeting you all, and I look forward to seeing you, hopefully soon.

Very truly yours,

Michael M. Kernian
Director

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL MEETING OF THE MIDWESTERN AREA PARISHES
Saturday, November 2, 1985
Holy Resurrection Armenian Church
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Meeting was opened at 11:10 am with the Lord's Prayer and the singing of Soorp Asdvadz led by His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. Leif Peterson, Chairman of the Parish Council of Holy Resurrection, welcomed the delegates and introduced guests: the Honorable Vincent Gurahian, Chairman of the Diocesan Council, who would chair the meeting with Arthur Mardigian (Detroit), a member of the Diocesan Council; Michael Kermian, Executive Director; and Frank Stoneson, Chairman of Finance for the Diocese.

Judge Gurahian announced that 6b and 7 on the agenda would be treated as the same item. List of those present is appended to these minutes.

The agenda follows.

1. Programs for the Youth

ACYOA Juniors: Father Garabed Kochakian, St. Mesrob, Regional Coordinator and overseer of the Juniors, reported that all nine parishes in the Midwest were quite active in promoting the goals of the ACYOA, both religiously and culturally. During Nancy Basmanjian's visit, Ralph and Debbie Asdadourian were appointed to work with him to oversee several events in the parishes. Sports Weekend is their most important activity. This year a scholarship will be awarded to a person to attend St. Nerses Seminary.

ACYOA Seniors: Michael Kermian reported that next year will be the 40th Anniversary of the Seniors. However, they are not as strong as they once were. The Diocese is trying to encourage the youth to try to involve them. During the past Sports Weekend, there were 500 in attendance; at the Diocesan Assembly, 60 were present. The Armenian Studies Program is promoting an educational tour of Armenia. One request by the youth is that they want regional conferences. There are 22 chapters with 535 dues-paying members and 2500 on the mailing list. Four suggestions for Seniors are:

1. Great need for youth directors
2. College-age campus programs - visitations should be made to campuses where there is an Armenian community
3. Activities should be planned - new programs
4. Religious education for young people - this is the most serious issue

A project was instituted 1-1/2 years ago to find a candidate to help parishes form a committee in their own communities. This person would need training and support by the parish to help undertake his training and who would then return to help the

parishes. This idea has not taken off because they have not been able to find the young people. Finances are another problem. His Eminence suggested that a possibility would be for several parishes to present one candidate. Trained leaders are necessary for our youth, but financial support is also necessary.

Youth Ministry: There is no financial help for this program.

Summer Camps: Mr. Kermian reported there are two in the Diocese: St. Vartan and Hye Kamp. His report on St. Vartan stated that it was a successful 4-week session. For the first session, there were 105 students; the second session was attended by 70 students, but these numbers could be doubled and tripled. He had the complete report with him if anyone was interested. He had not as yet received the year-end report from Hye Kamp. He suggested the need for a professional staff to formulate programs. At the next Diocesan meeting, they want to develop a summer project that will run more successfully.

Armenian and Sunday Schools: Father Garabed reported the Sunday Schools in the Midwest were operating very well, with workshops attended by all but Belleville.

St. John's, Greenfield, said they have 14-15 students with a teaching staff of 5. Their superintendent attended the Mardigian Institute. They have added a language class, and are using the curriculum furnished by the Diocese.

Holy Resurrection, South Milwaukee, has no active Sunday School. In the interim, the students are singing in the Choir and serving at the altar. They expect to re-activate very shortly. There is no Armenian School.

St. George, Waukegan, has no Armenian or Sunday School.

St. James, Evanston, has no Armenian School, and Sunday School attendance is very inconsistent. There are anywhere from 6 to 25 students with 7 teachers.

St. Gregory, Chicago, has no Armenian School, but they do have a Sunday School. They are having difficulty finding teachers.

St. Joachim and Anne, Palos Heights, has 25 registered Sunday School students and 5 teachers. No adult Armenian School, but they expect to re-activate in January. They already have 12 to 15 students registered.

Belleville had no report.

St. John's, Detroit, uses the Diocesan curriculum in their Church School. They have 250 students with many 5-6-year olds. They have 10 students per teacher. Their pre-school has 40 children. They do not have an Armenian language program, but there is an adult program. They have initiated a Church Junior Choir which meets on Sundays prior to Sunday School with 20 students participating.

St. Mesrob, Racine, has 23 children in Armenian School, 19 adults plus 5 in the advanced class. They are meeting on the same evening with classes beginning and ending at the same time. Ms. Sylva Der Stepanian held a 3-day workshop, with a ALLARK graduation. They sent one of their teachers to the mini-college at the Diocese who returned with many ideas.

Their Sunday School has 57 students with a staff of 18 teachers. The Diocesan curriculum is being used and the program is going well. The teachers meet once a month for discussion purposes. They intend to send teachers to the Mardigian Institute. This year, they celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Sunday School. They have the distinction of being the first Sunday School in the Diocese. Their founder, Mr. Toros Madaghjian, was honored at the anniversary celebration. His Holiness sent him a 6ontag.

The suggestion was made by Charley Kademian that a tape be made in Armenian with the English word following, similar to the Berlitz program. A tape is available in California, but not at our Diocese. Judge Gurahian instructed Mr. Kermian to place this on the agenda for discussion at the next Diocesan Council meeting.

Religious Education Curriculum Project: Mr. Kermian reported that some material is ready now, consisting of 15 books for the students and 15 books for the teachers. It is intended for the Diocese Sunday Schools and Day Schools, and covers a 32-week period. There are 8 units. This has been a major undertaking which has taken about 4 years. Some books are in print now and will be ready for 1986, but funds have to be raised. The budget is \$300,000. The parishes have been requested to send \$2000 but so far only 2 parishes have responded (\$4000). A suggestion was made previously that individual donors be found for individual grade books. A meeting was held September 12 at the Diocese. The parishes were broken down into various regions. A committee was formed to find donors depending upon the potential of the community. This was sent to the clergy and they are asked to compose a committee. Another suggestion was for the clergy collectively to support the finances of one book. At the present time, there are no other monies available for the project.

2. Diocesan Departments and Their Functions

a. BEMA and the PR Office

BEMA has national coverage and AVEDIS and ARSHALOOYS are religious publications. Readers are enjoying the BEMA which keeps them in touch with the Diocese and other parishes. The most important function of the BEMA is to be a religious and literary publication for its readers. The circulation is between 25,000 and 30,000. It is sent free to anyone who wants it. In the future, BEMA will carry a message from the Primate and there will be a section for the parishes. Two pages of the publication will be in Armenian with a total of between 8 to 12 pages with 8 as the norm. In addition, Armenians in the news will be highlighted as well as our clergy. There will also be book reviews. Mr. Kermian said if anyone was receiving more than one copy, to let the Diocese know.

A suggestion was made to eliminate the personal news such as weddings, etc. Father Tateos (Greenfield) suggested a quarterly publication in booklet form for future and convenient use.

b. Finances/Fund Raising

A department was organized in 1984. During the past two years, they have established a long-term financing program for the Archbishop Fund. They would like to raise \$5,000,000 with the principal invested in the Endowment Fund. The basic structure is to develop organizations in the various regions: New York, New Jersey, New England and the Midwest. Regional chairman is Edward Mardigian. The Diocesan Council will meet with him on how to break down the \$5,000,000. The hope is that 1000 people will donate \$1000-for 5 years.

1986 Calendars are ready for mailing. The artwork was done by the children of our Diocese. This year, there will be no Christmas Seals. In previous years, 26,000 calendars have been mailed out with an income of about \$50,000 to \$60,000. Printing costs are about 50% of that.

A suggestion was made by Charley Kademian that professional advice be sought in composing an effective cover letter that accompanies the calendars with the intent that it might prove more effective in raising funds.

Stewardship.

Holy Trinity Church was to develop a program at the Assembly, but it was put on hold.

Wills. Legacies.

There is no formal program. The Diocese has offered its services to those who do not have anyone and don't know how to go about making wills. A committee should be formed in each community to help these people.

Deeds.

Copies of deeds of the churches should be sent to the Diocese. Some parishes have complied, but some have not. Mr. Stoneson said several reminders have been sent, but still some parishes have not responded. He reminded the parishes to also send the Diocese a copy of the insurance policy and to make sure the name of the Diocese is on the policy also. Also important is to have adequate coverage.

Rise-Rise Project.

This is on hold until 1986. Certain members of the Board of Trustees are opposed to the project, and have offered to find an alternate plan for source of income. There will be a vote taken before the next Assembly, or there will be satisfactory indication that there will be a reliable source of income which will be sufficient to meet the needs of the Diocese. If there is not a majority at a joint meeting, then 2/3 present can pass it.

ACEF.

Copies of the report were submitted by Arthur Mardigian. The Endowment Fund will reduce the parish assessment.

Several months ago, a commemorative medal was sent to all parishes. They are \$1000 each. The money does not have to be sent now, but \$200 of the total will be returned to that particular parish.

The meeting recessed at 1:10 pm for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 2:20 pm.

3. Regionalization

The Northeast region seems to be working out well. Mesrob Marsoobian gave a report on the Midwest Regional Council. Meetings are held about 4 times a year. Hye Kamp is sponsored by the MRC, but more clergy are needed to assist. The meetings are not that well-attended because of the difficulties of finding a date that is

suitable to all. He suggested that a calendar be made far in advance to resolve that problem.

4. Special Issues

Unity.

Very little to report. There have been no future meetings scheduled between the two sides.

Uniformity of Services, Sacraments, Rituals.

The Primate has appointed Father Arnak Kasparian, Father Karakin Kasparian, Father Carnig Hallegian and Vicar General Khajag Barsamian to deal with these problems. They are to look at the different issues for improvement. They have had several meetings with concentration on baptisms, weddings and funerals.

The question was raised if our Church believed in cremation. The Primate answered that our families should be taught that if anyone desires to cremate their loved ones, they should first contact the priest, carry out all the sacraments, including the night service, the body should be taken to Church, the service should be held at the cemetery, and then cremation can be performed. Memorial service can be requested. There has been no formal statement on cremation by the Church.

Women's Guild and Women's Role in the Diocese.

There is a great source of talent available to us. There are many roles in the Diocese for women.

5. Services Available through the Diocese.

Bookstore.

The Diocesan Center is the hub of community activities. Much is available, and the parishes should ask for help, if they are in need of the artists, musicians, actors, lecturers.

Religious Item Store.

This has been established recently. A list of books and other items will be included in the next issue of the BEMA.

6. Regional Issues

The question was raised why programs prepared for the Diocese cannot be videotaped and sent to the parishes for their use. Judge Gurahian asked that that be placed on the agenda for the December meeting of the Diocesan Council.

Open Discussion.

The Primate said at the present time there is no priest available for Holy Resurrection, but that sometimes situations change on the part of a priest and a parish. Even though a priest becomes available, he must be accepted by the Parish Council. The question was asked why priests are not rotated. The Primate answered that he does not have the authority to do so. He explained:

1. If the parish has a candidate, the parish should vote to present him as a candidate
2. If the Primate has more than 2 candidates, he presents the slate and the parish votes for one of them
3. When there is no candidate, the Primate, together with the Parish Council, assigns a priest to a parish, if a priest is available.

The Parish Council has the prerogative to accept or reject the offer. Just as one cannot force a priest to take a position, one cannot force a priest to remain in a parish if he chooses to leave. If there is a vacancy, the Primate can designate a priest pending on his election by the Parish Assembly.

The question was asked how increments were to be paid. It was explained that a fund was to be established, and that the increments were to be paid for by that fund. The fund needed \$20,000. The only way to get the monies was through parish assessments, so the fund was not created.

A special note was made that all parishes should encourage the young people to go into the Seminary.

The Primate said the most important mission of the Armenian Church is to save our heritage. We need more education and more priests. This issue is being addressed at every Diocesan Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Grace Hadjinian

MEETING - November 2, 1985

PRESENT

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Vincent Gurahian, Chairman, Diocesan Council, New York
Michael Kermian, Executive Director, Diocese, New York
Frank Avakian Stoneson, ^{DIRECTOR}~~Chairman~~ of Finance, Diocese, New York
Arthur S. Mardigian, St. John, Detroit + ~~MEMBER~~ ^{DIO} COUNCIL
Edward B. Kokoian, St. John, Detroit
Rev. Vahram R. ^{HAZARIAN}~~Hagan~~, St. Gregory, Chicago
Very Rev. Varoujan Dz.V. Kabaradjian, St. James, Evanston
Mariam Tatosian, St. James, Evanston
Lisa Coloian, St. James, Evanston
Alice Gregorian, St. James, Evanston
Minas Keutelian, St. James, Evanston
Rev. Krikor Hairabedian, St. Joachim & Anne, Palos Heights
Andrew Sahagian, St. Joachim & Anne, Palos Heights
Daniel Hairabedian, St. Joachim & Anne, Palos Heights
Mesrob Marsoobian, St. George, Waukegan
Rev. Garabed Kochakian, St. Mesrob, Racine
Sarkis Cherkinian, St. Mesrob, Racine
Mikael Garoukian, St. Mesrob, Racine
Rev. Tateos Abdalian, St. John, Greenfield
Mike Kaishian, St. John, Greenfield
Lynn Kaishian, St. John, Greenfield
Michael Kaishian, St. John, Greenfield
Ramelann Kalagian, St. John, Greenfield
Arthur Kashian, St. John, Greenfield
Charles Kaishian, St. John, Greenfield

MEETING - November 2, 1985
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Present

Charley Kademian, Holy Resurrection, South Milwaukee

Grace Hadjinian, Holy Resurrection, South Milwaukee

Sam Hadjinian, Holy Resurrection, South Milwaukee

Leif Peterson, Holy Resurrection, South Milwaukee

Elliot Kashian, Holy Resurrection, South Milwaukee

Rose Esaian, Holy Resurrection, South Milwaukee

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, N.Y.
630 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10016-4885

REGIONAL MEETING

WASHINGTON, D.C. & RICHMOND PARISHES

Saturday, December 7, 1985 - 10:30 a.m.

ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH - HOST

4125 Fessenden St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

AGENDA

1. **Programs for the Youth:**
 - ACYOA, Jr. & Sr. *Ed*
 - Youth Ministry *Ed*
 - Summer Camps *Ed*
 - Armenian and Sunday Schools) *Ed*
 - Curriculum Project
2. **Diocesan Departments and their functions:** *Ed*
 - a) BEMA and the PR office
 - b) Finance: Fund-raising/Stewardships
Deeds/High Rise Project/Wills and Legacies) *Ed*
 - c) ACEF *Ed*
3. **Regionalization** *Ed*
4. **Special Issues:** *Ed*
 - Unity
 - Uniformity of services, sacraments, rituals *Ed*
 - Women's Guilds and Women's role in the Diocese *Ed*
5. **Services available through the Diocese:**
 - Bookstore *Ed*
 - Religious Items Store *Ed*
 - Programming *Ed*
6. **Regional Issues**
7. **Open discussion**

REGIONAL MEETING - NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY
December 5, 1985

	Accepted		Regrets
Haroot Karakashian	Elberon		*
Zareh Chalian	"		*
Nubar Tchilingirian	"		*
Sarkis Krikorian	"		*
John Hovsepian	Union City		*
Harold Azmelian	"		*
Fr. Houssig	Livingston	*	
Arthur Sarkisian	"	*	
Leon Ariyan	"	*	
Haig Dadourian	"	*	
Ara Nersesian	"	*	
Garbis Martayan	Western Queens	*	
Fr. Mamigon	"	*	
<i>No</i> <i>Fr. Arten</i>	St. Vartan	*	
Karl Anoushian	Holy Martyrs	*	
George Papalian	"	*	
Manoog Tatosian	"	*	
8 persons	"	* (8)	
Dovie Tilbian	Fair Lawn	*	
Holy Cross	New York	*	
Fr. Arnak	Tenafly	*	
<i>No</i> Peter Ajemian	"	*	
Richard Papazian	"		*
Paul Kahamjian	"		*
Ed Parseghian	"		*
Lucy Nakashian	"		*
Arax Parseghian	"		*
Virginia Victoria	"		*
elie Karelian	"		*
Grace Hagopian	"		*
Fr. Untzag	Trumbull	* (4)	
Dr. Hairabedian	"		*

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, N.Y.

REGIONAL MEETING

TRI-STATE AREA PARISHES

Thursday, December 5, 1985 - 7:30 p.m.

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH - HOST

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630 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10016-4885

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

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

November 13, 1985

TO: The Reverend Clergy, Parish Council Chairmen, Parish Council Members
and Diocesan Delegates

SUBJECT: REGIONAL MEETING - WASHINGTON, D.C. & RICHMOND PARISHES

St. Mary Armenian Church Washington, D.C.
St. James Armenian Church Richmond, VA

A regional meeting of the Washington, D.C. and Richmond area churches will be held on Saturday, December 7, 1985 at 10:30 a.m. in the St. Mary Armenian Church, 4125 Fessenden St. N.W., Washington, D.C.

We urge you to attend this conference and participate in the discussions involving the revitalization of your community and the church.

The purpose of these regional meetings should be to provide a forum to exchange opinions and suggestions toward improving our community life as Armenians and Christians, reflect on our past experience with a view to building a better future for us and for our youth.

If you wish to add any particular topic on the agenda, let us know as soon as possible.

Plan to be with us, and please complete and return the enclosed form to us.

Prayerfully,

atp. Torkom Manoogian

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

TO: Michael M. Kermian
Diocese of the Armenian
Church of America, N.Y.
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016-4885

FROM: Name:

Position:

Address:

Parish:

Please note that I will attend the December 7, 1985 Washington, D.C. meeting at:

St. Mary Armenian Church
4125 Fessenden St. N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20016
(Tel.) (202) 363-1923

Regrets, I will not be able to attend.

Date:

Signature:

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(414) 774-8540

REGIONAL MEETING - MID WEST PARISHES
NOVEMBER 2, 1985

	Accepted	Regrets
Fr. V. Kabaradjian	*	Evanston
Mariam Tatosian	*	"
Minas Keutelian	*	"
Lisa Colobian	*	"
Fr. Tateos Abdalian	*	Greenfield
Mike Kaishian	*	"
Garb Kaishian	*	"
Arthur Kaishian	*	"
Ramelann Kalagian	*	"
Charles Dadourian		* "
Dennis Papazian		* Southfield
Martin Cholakian		* "
Edward Korkdian	*	"
Michael Garoukian	*	Racine
Sarkis Cherkinian	*	"
Dr/Ms Raffi Hovanessian		* PalosHts.
Fr. Krikor Hairabedian	*	"
Nishan Babikian		* Chicago

Fr. Haganian



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

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

October 17, 1985

TO: The Reverend Clergy, Parish Council Chairmen, Parish Council Members
and Diocesan Delegates

SUBJECT: REGIONAL MEETING - NEW ENGLAND AREA CHURCHES

Holy Trinity	- Cambridge	Our Saviour	- Worcester
Sts. Vartanantz-	Chelmsford	St. George	- Hartford
Holy Cross	- Lawrence	Holy Resurrection	- N. Britain
St. Gregory	- Haverhill	St. Peter	- Watervliet
St. James	- Watertown	Sts. Sahag & Mesrob	- Providence
St. Mark	- Springfield		

A regional meeting for the New England area churches will be held on Saturday, December 14, 1985 at 10:30 a.m. in the Holy Trinity Armenian Church, 145 Brattle Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

We urge you to attend this conference and participate in the discussions involving the revitalization of your community and the church.

The purpose of these regional meetings should be to provide a forum to exchange opinions and suggestions toward improving our community life as Armenians and Christians, reflect on our past experience with a view to building a better future for us and for our youth.

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

TO: Michael M. Kermian
Diocese of the Armenian
Church of America, N.Y.
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016-4885

FROM: Name:

Position:

Parish:

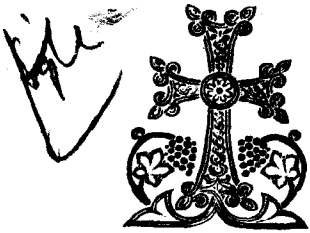
Please note that I will attend the December 14, 1985 New England Regional meeting at:

Holy Trinity Armenian Church
145 Brattle Street
Cambridge, MA 02138
(Tel.) (617) 354-0632

Regrets, I will not be able to attend.

Date:

Signature:



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ST. GEORGE ARMENIAN CHURCH

1015 McAREE ROAD • WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS 60085
(312) 244-0424

October 16, 1985

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 2nd Avenue
New York, New York, 10016-4885

Your Grace
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

Subject: Regional Meeting - Midwestern Area Churches Agenda

- (1) We would like to know why our parish does not get a visit from the Diocese while representatives may be in this area?
- (2) According to our By-laws, small parishes who cannot afford stipend increases for pastors, shall be subsidized by the Diocese. When will this be implemented.
- (3) Our Diocesan Delegate will attend the regional meeting.

Prayerfully,

Merron Paporigian
Merron Paporigian
Chairman, Board of Trustees

*Discussed at Regional meeting
So. Milwaukee
Nov. 2, 1985
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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016-4885 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

September 30, 1985

TO: The Reverend Clergy, Parish Council Chairmen, Parish Council Members and Diocesan Delegates

SUBJECT: REGIONAL MEETING - MID WESTERN AREA PARISHES

St. John	- Detroit	St. James	- Evanston
St. Gregory	- Cleveland	St. George	- Waukegan
St. Gregory	- Chicago	St. John	- Greenfield
Sts. Joachim	- Palos Heights	St. Mesrob	- Racine
Holy Shoghagat	- Belleville	Holy Resurrection	- So. Milwaukee

A regional meeting for the Mid Western area churches will be held on Saturday, November 2, 1985 at 10:30 a.m. in the Holy Resurrection Armenian Church, 909 Michigan Avenue, So. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

We urge you to attend this conference and participate in the discussions involving the revitalization of your community and the church.

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

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

TO: Michael M. Kermian
Diocese of the Armenian
Church of America, N.Y.
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016-4885

FROM: Name:

Position:

Parish:

Please note that I will attend the November 2, 1985 Midwest Regional meeting at:

Holy Resurrection Armenian Church
909 Michigan Avenue
So. Milwaukee, WI 53172
(Tel.) (414) 762-7460

Regrets, I will not be able to attend.

Date:

Signature:

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TO: THE PRIMATE AND DIOCESAN COUNCIL
FROM: ZARVIN KASPARIAN
SUBJECT: PROPOSED CONCEPT FOR AREA MEETINGS
DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 1985

In assessing the effectiveness of the Diocesan Annual Regional Meetings and being mindful of the proposals approved by the 83rd Annual Diocesan Assembly relative to open line of communication with the Diocese and the composition of parishes for regional meetings, it is apparent that in these rapidly changing times the practices of the past do not and cannot effectively serve the needs of the present.

Therefore, recognizing the need for properly channeled common effort for effectiveness of operation and to insure ability of our Parishes and Diocese to meet all challenges as a progressive viable entity, it is recommended that within the same geographical areas of the present regional meetings, there be established for each an area council that will meet three times during the year (once every four months) to confer and take action within Diocesan By-Laws and policies, on matters relating to the welfare of the parishes in the area. The third meeting may be designed to be a regional meeting with the Primate presiding.

The area council:

- a. shall be comprised of the clergyman, the parish council chairman or (where there is no clergyman or parish council chairman) one lay representative from each parish, mission parish or Armenian community in the area.
- b. shall have an executive committee (tivan) with a clergyman as president (if one assigned to area).
- c. shall have two members of the Diocesan Council assigned as liaison officers who shall attend regularly scheduled meetings
- d. shall have access to the liaison officers through the executive committee (tivan) as specific needs arise.

Role of Liaison

1. Liaison's function is primarily that of an advisor; he may offer guidance and otherwise participate in discussions as appropriate or when asked.
2. Liaisons to keep themselves informed of the status of the life of each parish in the area through the executive committee (tivan).
3. Liaisons shall keep the parishes informed, through the area council of policies and decisions of the Diocesan Assembly or the Primate and Diocesan Council as they affect the operation of the parishes and the welfare of the area.
4. Liaisons shall bring to the timely attention of the Primate and Diocesan Council specific matters or requests requiring action or decision by them; this should be accompanied by a recommendation from the liaison(s).
5. Following each area council meeting, liaisons shall report to the Primate and Diocesan Council, during Council meetings, on the performance, direction and concerns of the area operation.

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St. Paul's
Armenian Apostolic Church

310 NORTH GEDDES STREET
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

April 3, 1985

Regional Meeting: Northern New York Area Parishes
St. Paul's Armenian Church - Host
Saturday, March 23, 1985 - 10:40 A.M.

Board: Archbishop Torkom Manoogian - Primate
Ralph Vartigian - Chairman
Mesrob Kermian

Attendees: Parish Council members from Niagara Falls,
Rochester, Syracuse, and Binghamton.
Women's Guild Chairman and representatives
from St. Paul's of Syracuse.

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A general "feeler session" preceded the agenda, which provided the board members and parish representatives the familiarization needed to better understand pressing issues and concerns.

Syracuse: Paying Members - 43
Mailing List - 85
ACYOA (Jr/Sr) - 0 (no potential)
Sunday School - 0 (no potential)
Armenian School - 0 (was vital approx. 7 years ago)

Zarm Taft explained, in detail, the plight of our small community. Ara of Binghamton echoed the same thoughts.

Binghamton: Paying Members - 60
Mailing List - 200
ACYOA (Jr/Sr) - 0 (potential - 10)
Sunday School - 12 (potential - 37)
Armenian School - 4 children 8 adults

Niagara Falls: Paying Members - 33
Mailing List -175 (57 Canada)
ACYOA (Jr/Sr) - 0 (potential 5)
Sunday School - 5 (potential 0)
Armenian School - 2 (potential 5)

Rochester: Paying Members - 15 pledges per Marketing survey,
which also shows optimistic outlook
Mailing List -138

The Parish Council tries to convene twice per month and is currently anticipating, sharing clergy, Armenian School, and Sunday School. Their 1984 Treasury totals \$1500.00 raised primarily from donations and services. (No activities)

There are plans for a picnic in July, and should be noted that, thus far, the Council does all the work.

Note: There were 120 parishioners in attendance for Christmas BADARAK - 1984.

Note: Experienced very active AGBU participation to date.

Question: What part does prelacy church play in the respective communities?

Rochester: None. No Parish Council formation.

Niagara Falls: Located adjacent to St. Sarkis - no problems.

Binghamton: Attend our church services.

Syracuse: Prelacy much weaker than us. Competition now non-existent.

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian went on to explain that the political division is separate from the church, and defines some problems in competing parishes within a community.

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AGENDA

I. Regionalization:

Mesrob Kermian

Purpose: To create autonomy for decentralized decision making. Experimental stages are in New England - 7 parishes, headed by Zaven Kasparian. (Gives Report)

- A.) Primate appointed Vicar
- B.) Regional council including lay persons and clergy
- C.) Primate and council appoint coordinator
- D.) Regional office
- E.) Policy established
- F.) 1st Event - 3 day April commemoration

Phase II - Completion of guidelines in conjunction with Diocesan office.

Questions -----

- Has been very well received by parishes.
- Diocese gave 10K - fund for operations.
- Meetings depend on policy.
- Additional assessments to participating parishes fund regional office.
- Regional Vicar is pastor of parish part time.
- Paid salary coordinator.

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II. High Rise Project:

Proposal to replace cathedral complex and Diocesan office. Model has been built, which represents a 43 story edifice. The major portion will be allocated as condominiums leaving approximately 35,000 sq. feet for Diocesan use. The purpose of the project is to gain additional revenue since it is believed that the land is currently under-utilized. The present office section only of the cathedral complex will be affected. The plaza will remain unaltered.

St. Bartholemeou in N.Y.C. is having problems in similar development situation, but there are large differences in the two examples.

Specifics:

- 99 year lease
- complimentary styling, coloring, and use of materials.
- separate Management Company if project is undertaken.

Concerns:

- would effectiveness of dealing with Diocese be affected during move.
- are there schedules for breakdown in structure.

III. ACEF

Project is going well - Victor Arzoomian
Large measures in donor frequency and amount.
Diocese: short term/annual appeals
 long term/raise 5M over 5 yrs.

Long term program promoted in 1984. When specific goals are reached, the interest gained would make Diocese self-sufficient.

Rug Sale - \$175,000
Steward - \$ 14,000
3rd Annual Appeal - \$12,000

Control of ACEF is through Diocesan approved members. Should "appeal" mailings be intermittent or annual only? (Divided opinions - No resolution)

IV. ACYOA

- Creating interest while competing with other school and community activities.
- Would a trip to Armenia kindle a new feeling of patriotism for the promotion of Armenian activities.
- Insufficient contact with central chairpeople.
- Not enough advance notice for events.

Commemoration Activities

25 person committee on weeklong program in NYC. Mailer to be sent out from Diocese.

Vigil - Proclamation by Mayor Koch - tree planting ceremony at Union Square. Also Parisienne Armenian Band - BADARAK - and procession.

Action Items

1.) Parishes that owe Diocesan dues:

Binghamton - \$1691
Niagara Falls - \$ 278
Syracuse - \$ 450

Note: There is an approved formula for assessments; taking into consideration all external factors of the parish.

Uniformity of Services, Sacraments, and Rituals

A booklet is being made available for standardizing these items. If there is a question on procedure, only the parish council chairman or official can call the Diocese.

LUNCH 1:30-3:30

Concerns of the Individual Parishes

- 1.) Niagara Falls: Stated that the last regional conference was approximately 5 years ago, and that a future attempt was cancelled. Based on the benefits realized, an agreement was made that regional meetings of this type should be an annual event. Semi-regional meetings could be held more frequently, but not necessarily should include the Primate, however, a member or members representing the Diocese, is imperative.
- 2.) Subsidize parishes without clergy, to help direct and build these parishes. The Diocese should have closer contact with the menial problems, as a parish priest would.
- 3.) Clergy subsidy fund to reduce parish financial burden. The Archbishop agrees that the current stipend rules is a burden on small parishes. He states, however, that the entire parish community must be trained into stewardship of the parish. It is the responsibility of the Parish Council to educate the members of the church.

Helping churches start with Diocesan assistance is as important as interim dialog. It is in the interest of the Diocese that they do assist.

Binghamton wanted to know if the July increase in salary is mandatory. Answer: Most churches are in arrears for meeting the requirements. i.e.) Quantity of 40 parishes - 10% are not meeting requirements.

Point: Parishes with declining membership cannot meet the salary requirements, plus would lose the priest. Doesn't seem right to relocate the priest and deprive the parish of the services it has become accustomed to.

- 4.) Deacon service should be performed and attended when no BADARAK is available, in order to keep the "flow" of weekly attendance. It enhances stewardship.

Priorities Survey

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Syracuse	- Priest/communications
Niagara Falls	- Priest/Diocesan involvement
Binghamton	- Diocesan direction/Sunday School

Women's Guild

Binghamton	- 30 members
Niagara Falls	- 20 members
Syracuse	- 12 members
Rochester	- 0

There is a consideration to nationalize the Women's Guild at the Diocesan level.

It would raise level of participation, in affairs, and interaction of ideas and methods.

Fund raising methods; help set goals for various causes within their own community. The organization would function similar to the ACYOA.

Stewardship education is done on a professional level and the parishes should seek out the help of these lecturers and have them speak regularly to the congregation.

Archbishop explains that 90% of parish money problems are because their parishioners do not feel a moral obligation to give back to the church.

Question raised, as to why Albany, Troy, Schenectady is regionally involved with New England instead of New York. (No answer)

Closing Statements

Chrmn. - Our problems are not exclusive to the Armenian Church. The council is working on our behalf, and understands better, now, our mutual and unique problems.

Tri-Parish Meeting
Rochester-Syracuse-Niagara Falls

The Archbishop read a letter aloud to the tri-parish council members, concerning the retaining of Father Kegham for shared service.

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The Archbishop believes that Father Kegham will start his assignment on May 8th and is scheduled to celebrate his first BADARAK in Rochester on the 12th. His Eminence also produced a schedule draft which would utilize Sundays as well as Wednesdays for BADARAK. The original understandings were clarified and an agreement was reached for a tri-parish BADARAK schedule, which will be typed up and distributed by May 14, 1985. (R. H. Roomian)

Organization of parish life around priest for at least 3 consecutive days is important.

Clergy cannot be hired or fired by council. He is the actual president of every organization. Activities should be centered around his visits.

20 Sundays - Syracuse
20 Sundays - Niagara Falls
10 Sundays - Rochester

Parishes can still obtain substitute clergy, as required, from N.Y.C., provided Father Kegham agrees.

Proposal to meet quarterly as a Tri-Parish Council.

Action Items

- Obtainment of Father Kegham's U.S. citizenship.
- Diocese will submit proper papers to clear.
- Parishes are responsible for pensions and insurances.

Respectfully submitted,

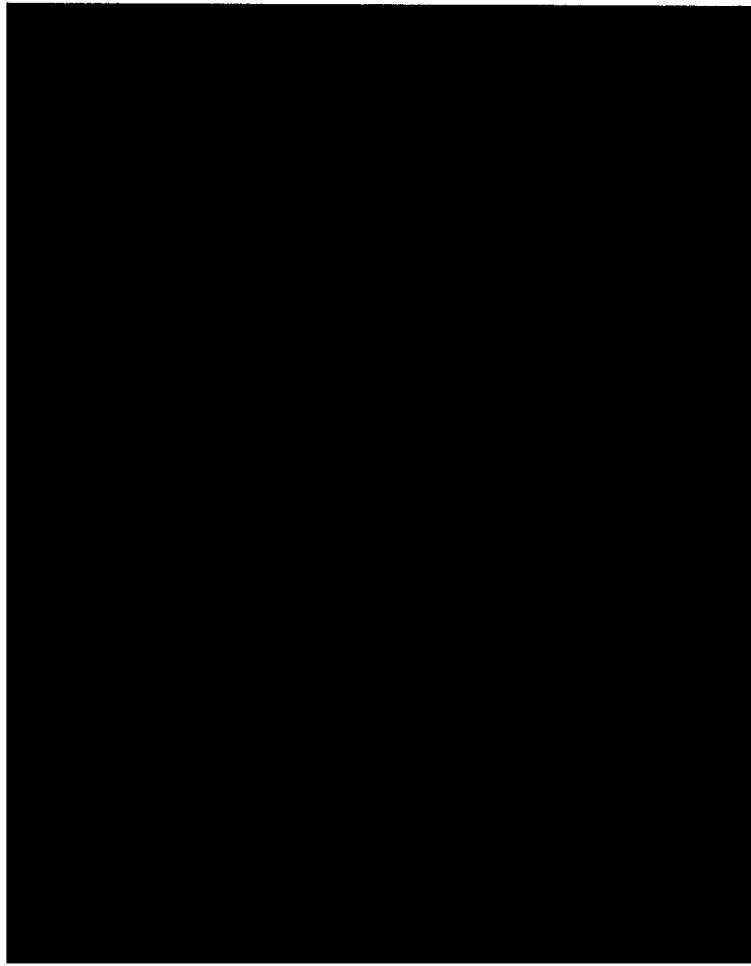
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Ramelann Karagian		*	
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Attendance

Name	Organization
1) Fr. Zeno Nalbadian	Holy Resurrection, So. Milwaukee
2) Fr. Anahad Korbalian	St. Mesrob - Racine, WI
3) Mikael Garoukian	St. Mesrob - Racine, WI - Diocesan Delegate
4) Charles Merjian	Holy Shoghagat, Belleville, IL
5) Mesrob Markosian	St. George Khachagan, Ill.
6) Tom Janikian	St. Mesrob Church, Racine, WI
7) Kyra Kasanian	Diocese, New York City
8) Ramelan KALAGIAN	St John American Church - Greenfield WI
9) Helen Kasanian	St John Armenian Church.
10) Shirley Nadian	St. John American Church - ^{Greenfield, WI} Greenfield, Wisconsin
11) Alice Boyajian	Saints Joachim + Anne Palms Hts. Ill. Sunday School
12) Elizabeth Sahagian	Saints Joachim + Anne Women's Guild
13) Margaret Kouroumian	St. Mesrob, Racine
14) Martin H. Chakalian	St. John's American Church - ^{Greenfield, WI} Diocesan Delegate
15) Drury Nohabedian	ST. GREGORY - CHICAGO, IL DIOCESAN DELEGATE
16) Fr. Tatios Abdelean	St John the Baptist, GREENFIELD WI
17) Georgette Mrofiza	St. Gregory, Chicago
18) Fr. Abraham A Hajar	St. Gregory The Illuminator Church
19) SINAN YAGCI	ST. GREGORY, CHICAGO Chicago
20) Vahé Calistkan	St. Gregory The Illuminator, Chicago
21) Lisa A. ... Colson	St. John the Baptist, Racine, WI

St. Gregory of Narek, Cleveland

22) Florence Goeljiac

23) Florence Karaghtanian

24) JAMES H. NAZARIAN

25) M. DENNIS VANDER MEER PALOS HEIGHTS

26) John Ippari St James, Evanston

Midwest regional Council

27) Arthur Kashian Greenfield

28) Edward Karginian Greenfield

29) Rev. David Donikian St. John's Church - Southfield Mich.

30) GEORGE E. MARIFIAN HOLY SACRAMENT - BOULEVILLE
DIOCESAN DELEGATE

31) Vartkes Gegiyanyan St. James Evanston
Diocesan Delegate

32) Walter Baronian

St. Gregory Church, Chicago Chairman

33) Simon A. Simon

St. James Armenian Church

34) Kazan P. Tertian

St. John's Armenian Church - P.C., Detroit

35) Arthur S. Mardigian

St. John's Armenian Church, Detroit

36) Alberta Godoshian ^{Parent Council} St. John's Armenian Church, Detroit

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PARISH: *St Mary's*
Wash DC

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MID-WESTERN AREA PARISHES

ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH, EVANSTON - HOST

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Fr. Untzag Nalbandian	"	*	
Harry Tashjian	"	*	
Mardy Azarian	"	*	
Arshie Missakian	"	*	
Joseph Kalemkerian	Tenafly	*	
Raig Dadourian	Livingston	*	
Michael Izmirly	Tenafly	*	
Henry Hagopian	Tenafly	*	
Ara Nersesian	Livingston	*	
Manoog Tatosian	Bayside	*	
George Papalian	"	*	
Fr. Houssig Bagdasian	Livingston	*	
Martya Gurahian	Westchester	*	
Vincent Gurahian	"	*	
Dovie Tilbian	Fair Lawn	*	
Victor Arzoumanian	Tenafly		*
Fr. Arten Ashjian	St. Vartan		
Anna Denejian	Bayside	*	
Richard Boyajian	Union City	*	
Charles Genjian	"	*	
Ann Dadaian	"	*	
Zaven Hovsepian	"	*	
Philip Arpiarian	"	*	
Robert Boergerson	"	*	
Richard Tarzian	"	*	
Arpena Sbarbaro	"	*	
Charles Shenloogian	"	*	
Harold Azmelian	"	*	
John Hovsepian	"	*	
Nectar Kalustian	"	*	
Areknaz Sarajian	"	*	
Artemis Koundakian	"	*	
Mary Shalakian	"	*	
Alice Fornjy	"	*	
Grace Benjian	"	*	
Vicgoria Bohajian	"	*	
Diane Burggraf	"	*	
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REGIONAL MEETING

NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY AREA PARISHES

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH - HOST

Thursday, March 7, 1985 - 7:00 p.m.

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REV. FR. CARNIG HALLAJIAN, Pastor

February 27, 1985

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Dear Michael:

Enclosed is the list of our people who will be attending the New York/New Jersey Area Regional Meeting on Thursday, March 7 at 7:00 PM at the St. Thomas Armenian Church in Tenafly, NJ.

We would like to have the following items placed on the agenda for discussion that evening:

1. Lay Clergy
2. Correspondence from Diocese
3. Supply of flyers to each Parish on events
4. DRE Publications
5. Assessments
6. Annual Report

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ann Dadaian

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Serpazan Hayr:

Attached is a brief statement on
the status of the New England Regional project.
We feel that this can serve as information to
the upcoming Diocesan Regional Meetings of
the Parishes.

If it meets with your approval,
perhaps Mesrob could present it at the meetings.

Respectfully yours,


Zarvin J. Kasparian
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Attach. (2)

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