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Cheltenham, Pa.  
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His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Ave.  
N.Y., N.Y. 10016

Dear Serpazan Hyre,

On behalf of the Parish Council of the Holy Trinity Church of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, I would like to humbly request of Your Grace the assignment of the Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian to our Parish.

A committee of our Diocesan Delegates, representative Parish Council members, and myself recently met with Fr. Haigazoun and we reported our discussions and terms to a specially called meeting of the Parish Council on August 16, 1983 at which time the Parish Council overwhelmingly voted to invite Fr. Haigazoun to Holy Trinity. Listed below is the itemized breakdown of the financial agreement which was mutually agreed upon by Fr. Haigazoun and the Parish Council.

Basic Stipend.....	\$20,000
Housing (estimated @ \$500/ month, to be provided by the Parish Council).....	\$6,000
IRA.....	\$2,000
Car Insurance.....	\$500
Car expense(mileage estimate).	<u>\$4,000</u>
Total.....	\$32,500

In addition we agree to abide by the cost-of-living percent increase recommended annually by the clergy stipend committee. It is understood by both Fr. Haigazoun and ourselves that the first stipend increase would apply for the 1985 year, and not for his first year here.

We hope that Your Grace looks favorably upon our request as both the Parish Council and Fr. Haigazoun look forward to our mutual Christian fellowship. It was felt that an appropriate and convenient date of transfer could be during the month of December, 1983.

We await your reponse and pray that the good Lord may continue to grace you with good health so that you may serve Him. I remain.....

Respectfully yours,  
  
John Mirakian  
Parish Council Chairman  
Holy Trinity Armanian Church

N.B. A separate letter of invitation is being sent to Fr. Haigazoun.