

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION  
11 Erwin Place, New Britain, Conn. 06051

Parish Council Report for the Calendar Year 1974  
Presented at the Annual Parish Assembly on Jan. 26, 1975

Parish Council Members for 1974

President	Fr. Vartan Der Assadourian
Chairman	Manoog Bagdigian
Vice Chairman	John Maljanian
Secretary	Charles Hovsepian
Treasurer	Given Hoosigian
Pledge Custodian	Hurach Azarigian
Advisor	B. J. Hovhannessian
Advisor	Steve Der Margosian
Advisor	Arthur Simonian
Advisor	Greg Abrahamian

1. Meetings

- a) At the first parish meeting on February 11, 1974, the members of the newly-formed council were elected to their respective offices as noted above.
- b) Nine regularly scheduled meetings and one special meeting of the Council were held to handle the routine business of the Council.
- c) Several meetings were held with Hartford by Arthur Simonian and his Picnic Committee to plan and organize for the Joint Church Picnic.
- d) A special membership meeting was called after church services on Sunday, November 10, 1974 to elect the Nominating Committee for handling of annual elections at today's Parish Assembly.
- e) Father Vartan, with Trustee and Diocesan representatives, attended two regional meetings held in Springfield, Mass.

## 2. Church Enterprises

Your Parish Council planned, organized, and conducted the following in the course of 1974:

### a) 33rd Anniversary Celebration

The 33rd Anniversary Celebration was held on Sunday, Mar. 31, 1974 in the Church Hall with Greg Abrahamian as Master of Ceremonies. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian and Mayor Stanley Pac joined us in this celebration. Total donations amounted to \$3059.

### b) Annual Church Picnic

Our annual picnic was sponsored jointly with the Hartford Parish at Elks Field, East Hartford, on Sunday, August 25, 1974. Arthur Simonian and Guy Bedrosian (Hartford) were joint chairmen. Each church realized a profit of \$547.49.

Again, through a regrettable series of misunderstandings, our picnic date conflicted with St. Stephans. To circumvent a recurrence, we have this past October advised all area churches that our joint picnic will be held in 1975 on Sunday, August 24:

### c) St. Nerses Celebration

Our Parish opened its hearts and homes to the group of seminarians that held its month-long pilgrimage the past summer. The dinner meeting and program were held the evening of May 21, 1974.

### d) Church Dance

Our Parish held a dance at Howard Johnson's Motel in South Windsor, Conn. on Saturday evening, September 7, 1974. The effort was co-chaired by Greg Abrahamian and B. J. Hovhannessian. Total proceeds for our parish were \$398.85.

## 3. Maintenance

As you are all aware, we are striving to maintain the condition of this church until such time as we are able to sell to the Redevelopment Agency. It is very difficult to minimize this

expense while we try to hold up the value of the premises. In addition, we have had a particularly bad year in terms of damage from vandalism-caused broken windows.

- a) We publicly thank Pete and Monty Bagdigian, Harry Azarigian, and Peter Egazarian for their continual help in making repairs, cleaning up, and in general, doing more than their share toward upkeep of the church building and grounds.
- b) Although we have no oil shortage this year, with the cost of oil doubled as compared to last year, we are maintaining last year's policy of conservation to hold down cost. In general, we are holding church temperatures to 55°F when closed, and raising them to 68°F for services. Church organization chairmen are responsible for raising and lowering temperatures for their respective meetings.

#### 4. Publications

The "Looy's" has been published three times this past year. "Looy's" staff for the coming year is requesting volunteers for editing, cutting stencils, and publication to enable further issues of the "Looy's" to be published. Contact Father Vartan.

The content of "Looy's" is determined by what the reporters of the various church organizations present for publication.

#### 5. Finances

The auditor's report will cover this item in detail.

#### 6. 1975 Budget

The proposed 1975 budget is attached and will be discussed under New Business.

#### 7. Building Fund Program

A complete report to date on the status of the Building Fund Program will be given by Chairman Steve Der Margosian.

#### 8. Mailing List

The church mailing list is in the process of update.

9. Church Use Pricing

The trustees present for action by the Parish Assembly a revised price structure for church services. The proposed revised list is included as an attachment to this report.

10. Church Membership

In accordance with Diocesan Directives, the Diocese assesses each parish for Annual Dues. The stewardship program requests that members of the various parishes become Stewards of their church by pledging \$100 each annually. These dues apply to offset the Annual Dues of the Parish, which rise every year. To date we have four Stewards in our church, as follows:

Mr. Monty Bagdigian	\$100
Mr. Peter Bagdigian	\$100
Mrs. Queenie Hovhanessian	\$100
Miss Sarah Yagoobian	\$100
	<u>\$400</u>

We also present below a three-year summary of the pledge and membership status of our Parish. Note that the requirement for membership is a pledge payment of \$15 annually in accordance with Diocesan Bylaws.

As the following tabulated data and analysis shows, great progress was made this year in the collecting of past-due pledges as well as 1974 pledges. The full credit for this effort goes to Hurach Azarigian, our Pledge Custodian, who in a very conscientious and organized manner followed through to maximize our pledge returns this past year. Although we can see that pledge income for 1974 was the greatest ever, \$7888, we still have outstanding pledges due in the amount of \$1100.

Hurach, as you are all aware, maintained contact with parishioners using telephone, mail, and personal visits to impress upon them the importance of the pledge income for the operation of our Church. Pledge Income is the single largest source of cash flow to the Church, and is the means for meeting our weekly operating expenses. Please keep your pledges up to date in 1975.

SUMMARY 1972 - 1973 - 1974

<u>Pledge per Week</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>
\$ .20	1	1	1
.25	1	1	1
.30	1	0	0
.40	1	0	0
.50	15	6	10
.60	1	1	0
.70	1	0	0
.75	0	1	2
1.00	33	24	30
1.25	0	6	1
1.50	2	6	6
2.00	12	11	13
2.25	1	0	0
2.50	0	0	1
3.00	5	5	2
3.50	0	1	1
4.00	3	4	4
5.00	2	3	3
7.00	0	1	1
10.00	0	0	1
Annual Pledges	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>15</u>
Total Pledges	<u>89</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>92</u>
Voting Members	129	109	136

Total Pledge Income	\$6268.30	\$6853.35	\$7723.40
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1974 Pledge Breakdown

Total pledges for 1974 paid	\$7133.95
Uncollected 1974 pledges	<u>640.00</u>
Total 1974 Pledge	\$7773.95
Past due pledges collected in 1974	\$ 754.35
Uncollected pledges before 1974	460.75
<u>Grand Total - Unpaid Pledges</u>	
Prior to 1974	\$ 460.75
For 1974	<u>640.00</u>
Total Pledges past due	\$1100.75

For the Parish Council

Secretary Charles H. SebastianChairman Manoel BagdasarianPresident Rev. Vincent L. Sebastian

Church Fee SchedulesCategories

I	Dues-paying member of Holy Resurrection Church
II	Dues-paying member of any Armenian Church
III	Other

Categories

	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>
Weddings	\$35	\$ 50	\$ 60
Baptisms	20	30	40
Funeral Services	40	50	60
Burial Plots	75	300	300
<u>Hall Rentals</u>			
Wedding Receptions	20	40	50
Banquets	20	40	50
Baptism Parties	20	40	50
Tea & Shower Parties	20	40	50
Paid Movies	20	40	50
Card Parties	20	40	50
Club Meetings		12 meetings - \$50	

NOTES:

1. If Rentee does not clean hall after use, there will be a \$25 additional charge.
2. Hall use free for funeral dinners if "In Lieu of Flowers" is donated to the church.

Funerals and WeddingsDeacons, Organist, Soloist

The services of Deacon, Organist, or Soloist will be provided as required. Arrangements will be made by the Chairman of the Parish Council or his designatee with the members of the concerned family.

The family will be billed \$15.00 per person for services rendered. The family will pay the church, who in turn will pay the person or persons for services rendered.

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## 1975 BUDGET

Income

Plate	\$ 650.00
Pledge	7,805.00
Weddings & Baptisms	50.00
Yughakin	1,400.00
Hokihankist	250.00
Funeral Services	50.00
Church Donations (including banquet)	3,500.00
Loos Donations	120.00
Church Enterprises	1,000.00
Hall Donations	100.00
Etchmiadzin Plate	50.00
Stewardship Donations	400.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
Undefined Income	2,000.00
Total Budgeted Income	<u>\$17,425.00</u>

Expenses

Stipend	\$ 8,750.00
Fuel-Water-Gas-Electric	1,400.00
Telephone & Telegraph	150.00
Insurance	750.00
Diocesan Dues	3,200.00
Clergy Insurance	1,000.00
Bldg. & Ground Maintenance	700.00
Office Supplies	400.00
Church Supplies	500.00
Travel and Lodging	350.00
New Britain Council of Churches	125.00
Charitable Donations	50.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
Total Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$17,425.00</u>