

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION

11 ERWIN PLACE, NEW BRITAIN, CONN.

REV. FR. VARTAN DER ASSADOURIAN, PASTOR

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR THE CALANCR YEAR 1973

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY ON JAN. 27, 1974

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

President	Rev. Vartan Der Assadourian
Chairman	Monoog Bagdigian
Vice-Chairman	John Maljanian
Secretary	Charles Hovsepian, Jr.
Treasurer	Arthur Simonian
Pledge Custodian	Gregory Abrahamian
Assistant Pledge Custodian	Berj Kallajian
Advisor	John Hovhanessian
Advisor	Given Hoosigian
Advisor	Harry Badrigian

1. MEETINGS

- (a) At the first parish meeting on February 12, 1973, the members of the newly formed council were elected to their respective offices.
- (b) Twelve reguarly shceduled monthly meetings were held to handle the routine business of the council.
- (c) Several meetings were held with Hartford for the purpose of planning and organizing the Church picnic and joint ventures.
- (d) The regular special membership meeting was called after church on November 12th to elect the nominating committee that makes the preparations for the elections to be held at this Parish Assembly.
- (e) Harry Badrigian replaced Harry Hougas as a Parish Council member because of the moving of the Hougas family to Toronto, Canada. With regret, at losing this member, we wish them success in their new home.

2. CHURCH ENTERPRISES

The Parish Council planned, organized, and conducted the following affairs in the course of the year.

(a) 32 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The 32nd Anniversary Banquet was held on Sunday, April 15, 1973, in the Church Hall with Harry Hougas as Master of Ceremonies. It was a pleasure to have His Grace, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian again help us celebrate this day. Also, to have Mayor Stanley Pac and his wife as our guests during the celebration. We spent an enjoyable afternoon. The highlight of the banquet again was the presentations of the Godfathers for the day. Total donations amounted to \$2,605.00.

(b) ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

The 1973 Annual Church picnic was sponsored jointly with St. George's Armenian Church of Hartford at Elks Field in East Hartford, August 26, 1973. Arthur Simonian and Simon Hamelian were joint Chairmen. The profit was \$430.07 to which \$50.00 additional profit was later realized from the sale of excess meat. The profits were not higher due to the cost of meat and the conflict with the St. Stephen's church picnic. We were gratified to see many young faces enjoying this affair. This year's picnic will be held at Falcon Field, New Britain on August 18, 1974. We will not be in conflict with any other picnic this year.

- (c) Der Hyre and the Trustees attended the two Regional meetings which were held in Springfield, Mass.
- (d) A successful Pilgrimage including a special bus to St. Vartan's Cathedral was held on June 17, 1973.

(e) Der Hyre, Yeretzkin, and Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Simonian attended Hartford's 20th Annual Consecration Banquet representing our church.

(f) 25th ANNIVERSARY OF FR. ARNAK'S ORDINATION

On March 25, 1973, we had the pleasure of hosting Fr. Arnak Kasparian and his family in the celebration of his 25th ordination anniversary. Rev. V. Mesrob Semerjian participated as a guest in this event. After celebration of the Divine Liturgy by Fr. Arnak a Lenten Dinner was served in the church hall. Edward Simonian served as Master of Ceremonies during festivities of the afternoon. The Ladies Guild presented Fr. Arnak with a gift. The Kasparian family was entertained at the Bagdigian farm to complete this happy occasion.

3. MAINTENANCE

The regular maintenance requirements of the Church were met. In additions the following special items should be noted.

- (a) We again would like to thank Harry Azarigian for his work cutting the bushes and trees in the rear of the parking lot and sealing up the cracks in the parking lot.
- (b) The A. C. Y. O. A. for painting the fence and Harry Der Assadourian for scraping and painting the doors of the hall entrance.
- (c) During the energy crisis, we are cooperating by lowering the Church thermostat to 60 degrees except during meetings and services.

4. PUBLICATIONS

The "Looy's" is published with the help of the Pastor, Trustees, A.C.Y.O.A., and John & Queenie Hovhanessian, and John Maljanian. They provide the parishoners information about the activities of the Church. The content of the "Looy's" is determined by the reporters of the various Church organizations and parishoners. We appreciate their cooperation.

5. FINANCES

The Auditors report will cover this item in detail.

6. 1974 BUDGET

The proposed 1974 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 the Chairman of the Building Fund Committee.

8. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

NOTE

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN DIOCESE

The Diocese has initiated a new program of Stewardship. This program is a direct pledge to the Diocese to help run all their activities. Every parish has been given a quota to meet. Our quota is six \$100 a year pledges. If we do not meet this, the deficit payment must be made from our treasury to the Diocese. At this time, we have two pledges from New Britain, Mr. Monoog Bagdigian and Mr. Peter Bagdigian/ We need your support to secure four additional Stewards since our annual budget cannot afford the additional \$400 per year.

8. We present below a three (3) year summary of the Pledge and membership status for our Parish. (Steward System)

Three Year Summary 1971-72-73

<u>Pledge per week</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>
.20	1	1	1
.25	1	1	1
.30	2	1	0
.40	1	1	0
.50	13	15	6
.60	1	1	1
.70	1	1	0
.75	1	0	1
1.00	35	33	24
1.25	0	0	6
1.50	2	2	6
2.00	12	12	11
2.25	1	1	0
3.00	7	5	5
3.50	0	0	1
4.00	3	3	4
5.00	1	2	3
7.00	0	0	1
Single Annual Payment	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>
Total Pledges	91	89	92
No Pledge	-	-	9
Voting Members	133	129	109*

*Based on minimum payment of \$15 as set by Diocese.

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>
Total Pledged Income	\$5724.45	\$6268.30	\$6853.35

Note that the difference between \$6268 and \$6853 represents approximately a 10% increase reflected by our attempts to achieve a 40% increase as a result of the last Parish Assembly.

1973 Pledge Breakdown

Total Pledges for 1973 paid	\$6168.35
Pledges for 1973 uncollected	<u>685.00</u>
Total 1973 Pledge	\$6853.35

Past Due pledges Collected in 1973	\$ 379.25
Still unpaid pledges prior to 1973	794.25

Grand Total Unpaid Pledges

Prior to 1973	\$ 685.00
For 1973	<u>794.25</u>
Total Past Due Pledges	\$1479.25

9. Old Business--Carry over from 1972 Meeting

- (a) We have adjusted our bank accounts to include long term certificates.
- (b) Two letters were sent to the Parishoners requesting that their pledges be increased in line with the adjustment required to balance the budget. The goal was a 40% increase in pledges. We realized a net increase of **10 %**.
- (c) The Parish request for a membership and outside drive to increase Yugakin income was not conducted. In light of our attempts to increase the Pledge Income and the pressures of the Diocesan Steward Program, this effort was abandoned.

On behalf of the Parish Council
Respectfully submitted

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