

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION

11 ERWIN PLACE, NEW BRITAIN, CONN.

REV. FR. VARTAN DER ASSADOURIAN, PASTOR

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR THE CALANDER YEAR 1971

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY ON JAN. 30, 1972

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

1. MEETINGS

- (a) At the first parish meeting on February 15, 1971, the members of the newly formed council were elected to their respective offices.
- (b) Twelve regularly scheduled monthly meetings were held to handle the routine business of the council.
- (c) Joint meetings were held with Hartford for the purpose of planning and organizing the Church picnic.
- (d) A special meeting was held with the Primate upon the occasion of his visit for our 30th anniversary.
- (e) A meeting was held with the representative of the New Britain Council of Churches. This meeting was requested by the Council of Churches to enable them to explain to us the work they are doing in the community.
- (f) The regular special membership meeting was called after church on November 14, 1971, to elect the nominating committee that makes the preparations for the elections to be held at this Parish Assembly.

## 2. CHURCH ENTERPRISES

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

### (a) 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The 30th Anniversary Banquet was held on Sunday, May 30, 1971, in the Church Hall presided over by His Grace, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Armenian Church. The highlight of the Banquet was the presentations of the Godfathers for the day. Total donations amounted to \$2,145.00.

### (b) ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

The picnic was held on August 22nd jointly with St. George's Church of Hartford. Under the guidance of Arthur Simonian & Benjamin Tashjian, the joint venture was a success and each Church realized a profit of \$722.00. It was a pleasure to see so many of our youngsters in attendance.

(c) The Diocese called two special meetings which were held in Springfield, Mass. on February 27th and October 22nd, of 1971. They were attended by Fr. Vartan Der Assadourian, Monty Bagdigian, Harry Azarigian, Arthur Simonian, Steve Der Margosian, and Berj Kallajian.

### (d) HARTFORD VISIT

On November 28, 1971, a joint service was held with St. George's Church of Hartford and our church in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of Catholicos Karekin Hovsepianz birth.

### (e) T.V. PROGRAM

On two occasions this year, our Parish Priest and our Choir appeared on Channel 30 on the program "Let Us Celebrate".

### (f) ARMENIA

Sarah Yagoobian was chosen from our Parish to go to Armenia as a guest of the Vehapar.

### (g) SERVICES

Parish council requested and has received permission from the Arashnort to have an English service supplement. Committee members of the English service are: Fr. Vartan Der Assadourian, Given Hoosigian, Berj Kallajian, Steve Der Margosian, Sarah Yagoobian, and Arthur Simonian.

3. MAINTENANCE

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

(a) Besides his regular maintenance duties, Harry Azarigian took one week of his vacation time to paint the outside of the Church. He also found time to cut the grass at the new Church grounds. We certainly appreciate his continued efforts in helping the Church.

(b) New fire bricks were installed; also new oil line because of the problems we were having.

We checked with the gas company in regards to converting the burner from oil to gas in order to eliminate delivery problems and better our maintenance. However, we felt the cost was too high to make the change at this time.

(c) We would like to thank Peter Egazarian and Peter Bagdigian for their service to the Church.

4. PUBLICATIONS

The "Loos" is published with the help of the Pastor, Trustees, A. C. Y. O. A., John Hovhanessian, and John Maljanian to provide the parishoners information about the activities of the Church. The content of the "Loos" 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. 1972 BUDGET

The proposed 1972 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. INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

No change in the Investment Committee at this time in view of the new Church Building Program.

9. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

Three Year Summary 1969-70-71

<u>Pledge per week</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
\$ .20	1	1	1
.25	2	1	1
.30	1	2	2
.35	3	0	0
.40	2	1	1
.50	20	12	13
.60	0	1	1
.70	0	0	1
* .75	0	1	1
.80	1	0	0
1.00	26	23	35
1.25	2	2	0
1.50	1	0	2
* 2.00	15	12	12
2.25	0	1	1
2.50	1	0	0
3.00	8	8	7
4.00	2	3	3
5.00	1	1	1
<u>Annual Single Payments</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>9</u>
* Partial amount for (1) per pledge (new member & deceased)			
<u>Total Pledges</u>	86	90	91
<u>Total Income</u>	\$ 5884	\$ 5932	\$ 5724.45
<u>Voting Members</u>	132	137	133
<u>Non-Voting Members</u>	* 0	* 0	* 0
<u>Total Membership</u> ?	132	137	133

\* NOTE By definition of the "Steward System" in effect from 1969 to the present, our membership is comprised of voting members only. In accordance with the latest ruling of the Diocesan By-Laws, 18 year olds can exercise the privilege of active Church membership by making a weekly or annual pledge to their Church.

We urge and encourage all of our younger generation who have become 18 years old to take part in their Church through active membership.

We also urge all our members to become current in their pledges by paying any unpaid outstanding amounts as soon as possible.

1972 Proposed Budget

Income

Plate	\$ 700
Pledge	6,200
Yughakin, Hoki Hankist	625
Weddings & Funerals	200
Church Donations	3,300
Loos	100
Hall Donation	75
Baptism	40
Miscellaneous	100
Church Picnic	720
Other Enterprises	800

Totals

12,860

Expenses

Stipend	\$7,400
Fuel-Water	1,200
Prelacy Dues	1,400
Clergy Fund	950
Office Supplies	250
Telephone	100
Building upkeep	400
Altar flowers	100
Insurance	570
Church Supplies	90
Travel-lodging	200
Miscellaneous	100
Church Donation	50
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On behalf of the Parish Council  
Respectfully submitted

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