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My dear Church Member,

On this coming Sunday, February 24, 1957, elections will be held at the Church of Our Saviour. During the past three years, I have expressed a desire to people in our Church that I would like to be elected as one of the "YERESPOKANS", referred to in English as a Delegate to the Annual Diocesan Convention. For some reason or other the nominating committees have year after year failed or refused to place my name on the nominating list for this office. The same situation has happened again. The people in our Church Parish have no way of knowing that I am interested in being elected to this office unless they see my name, along with others on the list sent out by the Church Trustees.

I have decided this year to fight back in my own way. I am sending this form letter to you and to all my Church friends who are voting members to go to Church this Sunday and exercise your right to vote. If you think I am worthy of being one of the Diocesan Delegates, please write in my name and place an "X" mark at the end of my name at the bottom of the list of names appearing on the nominating sheet for this office. I believe that if approximately 125 people write in my name with an "X" mark after it for the office of Diocesan Delegate that I can be elected despite the fact that the present nominating committee has failed or refused to have my name submitted along with the other candidates.

During the past 32 years I have served my Church as a Choir singer, Choir director, and presently as a Deacon. I hope I am worthy of being elected as a "YERESPOKAN" so that I can go along with the other four elected delegates to the Diocesan Convention and express my opinions on Church matters.

I would appreciate your asking the members of your family, and your friends and relatives who are voting members of our Church to also write in my name with an "X" mark after it. I believe that with your help and the help of hundreds of others that I can be elected despite the fact that my name has been kept off this list without any good reason.

May I thank you kindly for whatever help you can give me in this endeavor.

Gratefully yours,

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