

WESTCHESTER A.C.Y.O.A. JR.

1974 ANNUAL REPORT

The Westchester A.C.Y.O.A. was established in January of 1974. This first report is a summary of our activities, largely consisting of our success and the problems we've faced as a new group. The group was formed under the direction of the Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian, (then Deacon Hovhannes) with some of our Seminarians serving as advisors. Although there has been some fluctuation of membership, it has been a group of 10 - 20, generally between the ages of 14 - 18.

On March 4, 1974, officers were elected for the first time and served until the fall. They were: Karleen Tellitt - Chairman, Karen Sirabian - Vice Chairman, Gary Azarian - Treasurer, Janice Tepikian - Secretary, Ron Sanossian - Activities Director, Seminarians Arthur Sabounjian and Michael Zeytoonian served as advisors. Since then, the office of District Delegate to the N.Y., N.J. committee has been added. The current executive committee consists of: David Essayan - Chairman (protem), Greg Dorian - Vice Chairman, Ron Sanossian - Treasurer, Chris Tezel - Secretary, Karen Sirabian - Activities Director, Karleen Tellit - District Delegate. Rev. Fr. Karekin, our pastor, appointed Seminarian Michael Zeytoonian as coordinator of the group.

Dues have been decided upon and reaffirmed this fall to be set at \$5.00 annually. The age bracket of the group has been set at 14 - 18, though 13 year olds may participate as associate members. Meetings are held once a month on the third Friday evening, in conjunction with the Mr. Mrs. Ms. meeting.

Our group has managed to meet regularly and held the following functions, while working on others: cake sale, field trip to circus, bowling, Lenten dialogue sessions, explanation and slides of Divine Liturgy. The treasury has a balance of \$150.00.

The activities of the group have been in spurts. This is primarily for two reasons which are obstacles to the group: 1. the fact that our church community does not yet have adequate facilities of its own. 2. the fact that our membership is so spread out geographically and is unfortunately dependent on help in transportation. These two factors have been the greatest hindrance to our group physically, but even more so - psychologically.

We strongly recommend that more effective measures be taken to overcome surmountable obstacles in order to make the youth group of this church a more effectively functioning group.

Respectfully submitted,

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Coordinator

David Essayan
Chairman

Chris Tezel
Secretary