

ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH  
DIOCESAN DELEGATE'S REPORT - 1986

The eighty-fourth Annual Diocesan Assembly was held May 1-3, 1986, at St. Mesrob Church in Racine, Wisconsin.

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian presided and Dr. Dennis R. Papazian was elected as Chairman of the Assembly.

Several resolutions and proposals were introduced, four of which were adopted by the Assembly. The most significant of them was a proposal requesting the Primate to present to the Catholicos the request of the Diocesan Assembly that His Holiness authorize the ordination of qualified women to the Diaconate. This proposal was submitted by the Diocesan Council at the request of our Parish Council.

Also adopted was a resolution directing the Diocesan Council to appoint a committee to review the By-Laws and report to the 1988 Diocesan Assembly the results of the committee's study.

An amendment to the By-Laws, which was submitted by the Diocesan Council, was approved for the second time, as required, and the By-Laws now contain a new Article 97(B). It authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF) to sell, manage or otherwise dispose of any real property left to ACEF but held in the name of the Diocese.

The election for the office of Primate was held on Saturday, May 3rd, and H.E. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian was elected to an unprecedented fifth term.

A Diocesan budget of approximately \$1,700,000 was adopted for 1986.

After expressing its appreciation to the St. Mesrob parish for organizing such a successful and memorable event, the Assembly adjourned and will meet again May 7-9, 1987, at St. Mark Church in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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