Report on Diocesan Assembly

The 89th Annual Assembly of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America was held at St. Thomas Armenian Church in Tenafly, New Jersey, on May 9-11, 1991.

His Grace, Bishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate, presided over the Assembly which was chaired by Martin Cholakian of St. John Church, Southfield, Michigan.

A total of 184 delegates were present for the opening session.

Several panel sessions on youth involvement in the church were conducted and reports of various committees were received.

Elections for Diocesan Council were held and Judge Vincent Gurahian of St. James, Westchester, was reelected. In addition Haig Dadourian, Livingston, New Jersey; Dean Shahinian, Washington, D.C.; Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, Washington, D.C.; and Rev. Fr. Untzag Nalbandian, Trumbell, Connecticut, were newly elected to the Council.

Lionel Galstaun, of our St. James Parish, was elected to the Diocesan Board of Trustees.

The following Proposal was adopted by the Assembly:

"The Primate should inform Diocesan Churches, on a quarterly basis, about the activities of the Unity Committee".

The Unity Committee reported that no real progress was

made since the prior Assembly and efforts at achieving Unity would continue.

A full report on the activities of the Earthquake relief program also was presented to the Delegates.

The 1992 Assembly will be held April 30-May 3 at St. David Armenian Church in Boca Raton, Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

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