

## CONDENSED DIOCESAN DELEGATE REPORT (1992)

The Diocesan Assembly convened in Boca Raton, FL on April 30-May 2, 1992.

It was represented by 119 delegates.

Various announcements were made, among them being:

- 1...A new church was consecrated in Dallas, TX and ground breaking ceremonies were held in Ocala, FL for a future church.
- 2...**ST. NERSESS:** Six deacons were about ready for the Priesthood; six seminarians were in St. Nersess and three were in college and would be entering the Seminary shortly. The annual budget of St. Nersess is \$350,000.00
- 3...**UNITY COMMITTEE:** Zarvin Kasparian, chairman of the Unity Committee mentioned that there was no communication from the Prelacy and deadlines had been rescinded and no progress had been made.
- 4...**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Rev. Mardiros Chevian, director of Youth Ministry stressed that ACYOA should be strengthened and memberships needed to be built up. He recommended that each Parish appoint someone in charge of Youth. Throughout the entire Assembly, emphasis was given on the Youth Programs. Panel discussions were held at Assembly sessions.
- 5...**EARTHQUAKE REPORT:** Stepanavan was progressing with housing. Dry milk was sent out donated by the Utah farmers. Those participating in the United Armenian Fund (UAF) were the Diocese, Prelacy, ARF & ARS.
- 6.. **AACCA:** The Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America had sent Choir robes to Armenia and the program was still in progress with work continuing on the computerized corrections and revisions of the Sacred Music volumes.
- 7...**DEPT. OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE)** continues to provide direction and resources with workshops, periodicals and special events designed for teachers, students and the community.
- 8...**ACYOA:** Various chapters are sponsoring such events as Christian Leadership Seminar in PA; Martyrs Day commemoration in NY; Archbishop Tournament; Diocesan Summer Internship Program; General Assembly and National Sports Weekend & ACYOA-ACYOC inter Diocesan meeting.
- 9...**KIRKOR & ZOHRAB INFORMATION CENTER:** Its purpose is to create or locate resources and compile material on the history and culture of the Armenian people, to assist media as well as scholars, writers and university students researching Armenian topics, making available to them information, materials and reference to various resources.
- 10..**STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM:** This program has two types of participants: Annual stewards who pledge \$100.00 a year and then Life Stewards who make a one-time donation of \$1,500.00 which is invested with the annual income used to support Diocesan programs.
- 11..**INTERNSHIP PROGRAM:** This is for young Armenian students to spend one month to six weeks at the Diocesan Center with assignments to a specific department in other related projects. This year there were four interns and were all housed at NYU dormitory.
- 12..**ST. VARTAN CAMP:** One and two week programs were offered at the Loomis Chaffee School in CT. They provide instruction in religion, culture, language, dance, music, arts and crafts. The goal is to make campers aware of richness of their heritage and to instill in them a sense of who they are as Armenians and Christians.

**SUMMARY OF 1992  
ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS OF ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH**

**CHOIR:**

Chairperson of the Choir organization Donna Soghoian reported that there are eight members in the choir. No meetings have been held during the year. There is no treasurer's report since the choir does not have a separate account.

**ACYOA**

Chairlady, Arpi Bouroujian reports that there are 10 members in the ACYOA and they have had 18 meetings. Activities included were Palm Sunday Lunch; Archbishop Tournament; Halloween Party; Farewell to Summer Cookout; Putt-Putt Golf; Thanksgiving Dance. Their balance at the end of the calendar year, 1992 was \$2,506.74 however there is an outstanding loan of \$1,000.00 to be paid to ACYOA Central Council.

**WOMEN'S GUILD**

Chairlady, Lilly Thomas reported that the Women's Guild has 43 members. Thirteen executive meetings have been held and eight general membership meetings. activities have included the food festival, fashion show, Christmas and Easter dinners. There have been pre meeting dinners or luncheons and have sponsored receptions for visiting clergy.

The amount transferred to the Parish Council in 1992 was \$15,000. The net profit from the Food Festival was \$10,324.59. Cash on hand at the end of 1992 was \$4,181.77 which includes \$3,000.00 that is held in reserve for beginning operating expenses for the Annual Food Festival.

**ARMENIAN SCHOOL**

Treasurer, Stella Bandazian reports that there are 2 teachers, 2 classrooms and 11 pupils. The cash on hand at 1-1-92 was \$1099.70; income for 1992 was \$315.65; disbursements,\$1346.00 and the balance on hand as of 12-31-92 was \$69.35. Their functions included a joint dance with ACYOA on Thanksgiving weekend; and they participated in the Armenian Christmas Program.

**RUG SALE**

Linda Sharigian, chairperson of the Rug Sale reported a net profit of \$16,760.48 for 1992.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Since there was no Sunday School classes held this year, there is no report.