

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate



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Ms. Carol Garabetian Chairman, Parish Council St. James Armenian Church 834 Pepper Avenue Richmond, VA 23226

Dear Ms. Garabetian:

We have received your letter of September 21 regarding the use of your church hall by the Armenian Youth Federation.

As is standard policy all church auxiliary organizations may use the halls and premises of our parishes in accordance with local guidelines. However, non-church group be they Armenian or non-Armenian are generally expected to comply with the parish rental procedures which of course vary from community to community. The Armenian Youth Federation group being a non-parochial group should then be treated as any non-parish based religious or secular group and be expected to abide by your parish's policy. Thus, there should be no reason that they, Armenian Youth Federation cannot rent your hall for their functions.

We remember you and your faithful in our prayers always.

With prayers,

Abp. K. Barranna

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