

The 95th Diocesan Assembly Report

The Assembly was hosted by St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church of Cleveland, Ohio, on May 1-4, 1997. His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, the Primate of the Eastern Diocese, led the Assembly in the opening worship service at 2:00 p.m..

The 95th assembly officers were elected. The 94th Diocesan Assembly minutes were accepted as amended. A message from His Holiness, Karekin I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of all Armenians was read.

PRIMATE'S ADDRESS: His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian has set a four year "The Primate's Plan , on the Road to a New Century"

"The First Year -1998 "Faith" The focus on Christ: The Holy Gospels. Also next year is the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Armenian Church's first jurisdiction in the New World, the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America."

"The Second Year- 1999 "Hope" The focus on the Holy Spirit: Worship and the Sacraments."

"The Third Year- 2000 "Love" The focus on God the Father: Charity and Service."

"The Fourth Year- 2001 "Baptism" The Great Jubilee: Christ, Etchmiadzin and a Renewed Church."

His Eminence also stated that the year 1997 is The Year of Mission and Outreach.

The 1997 Diocesan Assembly Panels were attended by each delegate on rotating basis as part of a group.

The five panels represented the: Department of Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Christian Mission and Outreach, Armenian Language Lab and Resource Center, and Diocesan Finances and Budget and Diocesan Administration.

ST. NERSES SEMINARY SUMMER PROGRAMS:

1997 Mission To Jerusalem:
June 28-July 13,1997

1997 Summer Conferences:

High School/Junior High 7/16-26,1997

College Conference 7/27-8/5,1997

1997 Liturgical Institute 8/8-16,1997

1997 St. Nerses Day: 9/13/1997

For information (914) 636-2003

Fax (914) 636 3564

on-line STNERSESS@aol.com

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION (ACYOA):

Sports Weekend and General Assembly
May 22-26, 1997 in Washington, DC

Young Professional Trip to Armenia

June 6-17, 1997.

Armenian Service Program, June 27-
July 22, 1997. To spend two weeks

assisting in the running of a camping
program for young orphans in the city of
Yeghegnadzor. One week visiting
Yerevan.

On-line Services, "HOMEPAGE"

<http://www.stleon.org>

e-mail - ArmeniaCh@aol.com

HYEMAIL IS A BRIEF

NEWSLETTER TO THE COLLEGE

STUDENTS. The Department of Youth
Ministry wants to keep in touch with the
youth . e-mail to

HYEMAIL@Hynet.com with " subscribe
first name and last name" in the body of
the message.

(212) 686-0710; fax (212) 779-3558

The Department of Religious Education sponsors the ST. VARTAN CAMP
Ages 8-15, June 29- July 12, 1997

June 29- July 5, 1997

Counselor-in-Training Program
June 28- July 12, 1997

**WOMEN'S GUILD CENTRAL
COUNCIL (WGCC) REPORT:**

School Bags Project Phase II,
Raised approximately \$20,000.00 by
December 1996. Assembled 1000 bags
that were shipped to Yerevan March
13, 1997. Distribution was handled by
Fund for Armenia Relief.

Donation of \$15.00 provides for one
bag. Ask your local Women's Guild for
information.

CHILDREN of ARMENIA

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM (CASP), is
a project of the WGCC. Approximately
1500 children throughout Armenia are
being cared for through the generosity of
sponsors. (860) 828-6837

**ARMENIAN CHURCH
ENDOWMENT FUND (ACEF)**

1996 ACEF Report:

Donations - \$1,832,724

Assets over- \$35,000,000

Total Donors- 805

1996 earnings distributed to beneficiaries
4/2/97- \$2,123,486.

The internet address is

<http://www.stleon.org/Dioocese.html>

FUND FOR ARMENIAN RELIEF

Food program: Infant formula;
Kindergartens; Children and Students;
Orphanages and Boarding Schools;
Pensioners; Bread; Educational and
Cultural Institutions; Food for Work;
Soup Kitchens.

Medical Programs: National medical
Library, Journals and Books; English

Language Courses; Information
Network; Fellowships; STD Conference;
Medical Assistance.

Development Projects: Construction;
No. 21 Boarding School Stepanavan;
Catholicos Vasken I School in Gumri;
Kevorkian Seminary in Etchmiadzin;
Yerevan State University; Diocese of
Sunik Camp in Yeghegnadzor; Victory
Park in Gumri; Children's Rehabilitation
Center at Oshakan; Constitutional Court
of Armenia; Academy of Sciences of
Armenia; Center for Christian Education
and Preaching at Holy Etchmiadzin.

Agriculture: Noravank-Rind Irrigation
Pipeline; Aradashen Agroservice;
Mobile Grinding mill; Potato Seeds;
Land Rehabilitation.

Other Projects; Solar Energy;
Broadcast Transmission Antennas;
Generators for Meghetee Sanatorium.

Social Development Projects:

Paros project; Educational and Cultural
Textbooks; Datev Children's Choir.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

1997 Total Revenues \$3,529,390

1997 Total Expenditures \$3,583,565

1998 Total Revenues \$3,823,370

1998 Total Expenditures \$3,823,370

\$20,000 was added to the revenues from
the Srpazan's 25th Anniversary Fund
\$20,000 was included in the expenditures
towards supporting the Mission Parish
Programs. There are 19 Mission
Parishes in our Diocese, and three
Mission Communities.

NEW BUSINESS: Proposal to annually
prepare report on Diocesan Restricted
Funds was passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Azniv Amirhanian, Del. & Chairperson