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# ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

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( S U P P L E M E N T )

ANNUAL REPORT

**St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church**  
4125 Fessenden Street, N.W.  
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# ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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A) Our yearly practice has been to provide 50% of Bazaar proceeds to the Finance Committee.

Simultaneously the Parish Council has observed a steady increase in expenses related to operating costs. As a result the Parish Council proposes the following:

- 1) Limit the amount of the money to be paid to the Finance Committee from the Bazaar proceeds to \$5,000.
- 2) The Finance Committee begin immediately to aggressively pursue fund raising activities in anticipation of future capital expenditures and replenishment of money already expended (i.e. the roof).

B) The Finance Committee financial report shows as an asset a \$15,000 loan which was made in the past to the Parish Council. Since the Parish Council has distributed (from the Bazaar proceeds) to the Finance Committee amounts well in excess of the aforementioned \$15,000, the Parish Council proposes that this line be deleted since the repayment has been made many times over.

Parish Council

St. Mary's Armenian Church  
1994 Choir Report

Balance as of 12-31-93        \$ 2193.60

**Receipts**

Donations	0.0
Baltimore Assoc.	200.00
Christmas Collection	202.00
Easter Collection	320.00
Donation Socrates Boyajian	100.00
Appreciation Dinner Donation	620.00
<u>Interest</u>	<u>53.55</u>
	1495.55

**Expenses**

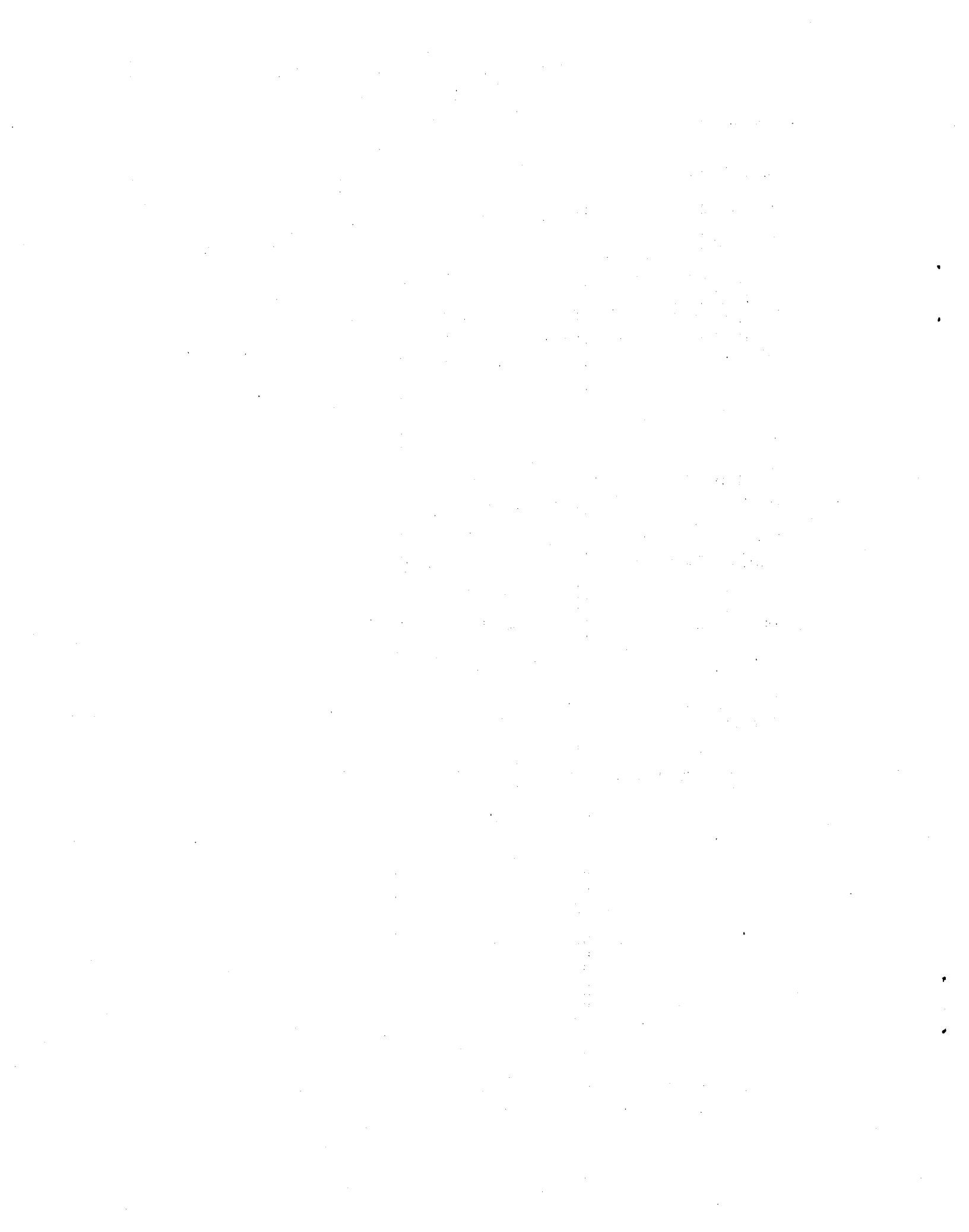
AACA Donation	\$ 200.00
Donation For Armenia	100.00
St. Mary's WG Concert Ad	50.00
Appreciation Dinner	644.40
St. James WG	35.00
Convention 4 Delegates	489.00
<u>Wall closet for the Choir Rm</u>	<u>900.00</u>
	2,418.40

**Net Income**                    (\$ 922.85)

Balance                            1,270.75

Checkbook Balance as of  
12/30/94                            1,270.75

Respectfully submitted by  Clara Andonian- Treasurer



## ANNUAL CHOIR REPORT - 1994

The past year of 1994 was a period of rejuvenation for our choir. Our number of dedicated members is visibly growing - mainly due to the efforts of Choir Chairman Deacon Arto Hovhanessian's pursuit of a continuous membership drive. We continue to rehearse after church services on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. This coming year we will be expanding our rehearsal schedule to include a week night rehearsal, twice a month. Hopefully this will help us understand the Badarak more fully, and help us celebrate the Badarak more fully.

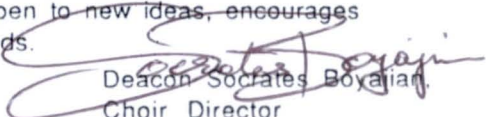
Our choir room has also gone through some major changes this year. We now have huge walk-in cabinets for our choir robes, and new shelves for our library of church music. We also have new floor-to-floor carpeting, thanks to a generous donation from veteran choir member Haygaz Sakaryan. I encourage our congregation to take a tour of our choir room. I will be happy to serve as your guide (maybe along the way I can find a choir robe that will fit you perfectly).

Highlights of choir activities for the past year include:

- 1 - Our traditional Armenian Christmas Service in Baltimore in January 1994.
- 2 - A workshop in September 1994 that we co-sponsored with the Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America, featuring a lecture/workshop by Maestro Khoren Meikhanedjian on his Badarak (the "Khorenian" Badarak).
- 3 - Our second Annual Choir Appreciation Dinner in October 1994. Veteran choir members were recognized for their years of service to the Armenian Church. Those honored were: Clara Andonian, Gary and Queenie Avedikian, Yeretsgin Anahid Kalayjian, Deacon Vartkes Keshishian, Arousiag Kumkumian, Deacon Hratch Semerjian and myself.
- 4 - In November 1994 we had 6 of our members attend the 48th Annual Assembly of the Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America. Choir members who attended were Clara Andonian, Glen Asdourian, Gary and Queenie Avedikian, Yeretsgin Anahid Kalayjian and myself. The site of the Assembly was Richmond, Virginia.
- 5 - Christmas Carolling (accompanied by a String Ensemble) during American Christmas Eve Service.

As for myself, in 1994 I was able to finally finish a project ("a labor of love") five-years in the making: the "Revised Sacred Music of the Armenian Church Volumes I & II". Our choir now uses these two volumes of music. A few churches from our Diocese and the Western Diocese, as well as a few churches from overseas have also started using these new books. Samples of these books are available through the bookstore of the Diocese and our own church's bookstore.

Finally, I would like to thank the 1994 Executive Committee of our choir for a job well done: Chairman Arto Hovhanessian, Vice-Chairman Queenie Avedikian, Treasurer Clara Andonian, Secretary Anahid Ayrandjian. I would also like to thank Der Hayr Vertanes Kalayjian for his continued support of our choir. He is always open to new ideas, encourages our growth, and responds positively to our needs.

  
Deacon Socrates Boyajian  
Choir Director

St. Mary's Armanian Apostolic Church

Operating Budget

1/1/94 Through 12/31/94

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	1/1/94	12/31/94
	Balance Forward		36,642.21
	<u>Income</u>		
	Altar Flowers	272.78	
(1)	Bazaar	0.00	
	Candle	4,451.00	
	Candlelighting	1,700.00	
(2)	Church Organization	3,000.00	
	Donations	6,606.00	
	Endowment Fund	2,789.92	
	Hall & Parking	4,738.00	
	Hokehankist	6,740.00	
	Interest	1,035.57	
(3)	P.C. Activities	11,546.89	
	Plate	5,347.00	
	Pledges & Dues	41,355.50	
	Reimbursements	2,892.95	
	Sacraments	3,760.00	
	Shnorhali	3,858.87	
	Transfer	20,216.00	
	Women's Guild	10,000.00	
	Yugakin	4,908.00	
	Misc.	374.80	
	Total Income	135,593.29	

Restricted Fund Activity 1994

Balance \$39,739.22

Income

Charitable 1,350

(4) Special Fund 45,705.29

47,053.29

Income less expenses -21,795.69

Total 17,943.53

Expenses

1,959.80

66,889.18

68,848.98

(4) Includes: Artzagh Fund Raiser, Havad, Nursery, Etc...



St. Mary's Armanian Apostolic Church

Operating Budget

1/1/94 Through 12/31/94

Expenses

	Altar Flowers	579.38
	Altar Supplies	5,248.86
	Bank Charges	255.92
	Bld. Equip.	1,897.35
	Build. Equip. Maint.	2,283.22
	Choir & Organist	4,490.00
	Dioces Dues	22,027.00
	Guest Priest	1,084.45
	House Utilities	5,251.43
	Insurance & IRA	12,062.55
	Janitorial	8,167.98
	Kitchen Supplies	323.17
	Office Supplies	3,519.09
(4)	P.C. Activities	10,661.05
	Post & Printing	4,170.01
	Secreterial	6,603.50
	Shnorhali	3,831.46
	Stipend	45,213.00
	Telephone	2,446.38
	Transfer	20,870.90
	Utilities	15,619.02
	Misc.	610.00
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>177,215.72</b>
	Income less expenses	\$-41,622.44
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-4,980.23</b>

(1) Income from 1994 Bazaar received 1/95 = \$12,000

(2) Bookstore Donation

(3) Income from 1994 New Year's Eve Celebration received 1/95 (\$7,070); includes: 1993 New Year's Eve, Picnic, Armenian Independence Celebration, Women's Guild Appreciation Luncheon.

(4) 1994 New Year's Eve Celebration expenses paid.

Cash Position

Operating Budget

Balance as of 1/1/94	36,642.21
Income less expenses	(1)-41,622.44
Balance as of 12/31/94	-4,980.23

Restricted Funds

(2) Balance as of 1/1/94	39,739.22
Income less expenses	-21,795.69
Balance as of 12/31/94	17,943.53

Overall Total

Restricted Funds	17,943.53	
Operating Budget	-4,980.23	
Balance as of 12/31/94	\$12,963.30	(Total amount in checkbook)

(1) Does not include Income received in 1995 nor expenses paid in 1994 i.e., New Year's Eve and does not include contribution from the Bazaar if we include these amounts the balance will be approximately \$14,000.

(2) Includes: Youth Advisor (\$10,000), 1993 Charitable (\$2,262.61), 1993 Heat Armenia Fund Raiser (\$21,000)



## Proposed Operating Budget

1/1/95 - 12/31/95

### INCOME

Altar Flowers	500
Bazaar	14,000
Candles	6,000
Candle Lighting	2,500
Church Organizations	10,000
Donations	7,500
Endowment Fund	2,800
Hall & Parking	5,200
Hokehankist	7,500
Interest	1,050
P.C. Activities	20,000
Plate	6,400
Pledges & Dues	47,000
Reimbursements	3,000
Sacraments	4,500
Shnorhali	3,560
Transfer	20,500
Women's Guild	10,000
Yugakin	6,000

**Total** **\$ 178,010**

### EXPENSES

Altar Flowers	500
Altar Supplies	1,500
Bank Charges	260
Building Equipment	2,000
Build Equip Maintenance	2,300
Choir & Organist	4,500
Diocesan Dues	22,000
Guest Priest	1,100
House Utilities	5,250
Insurance & IRA	12,000
Janitorial	8,000
Kitchen Supplies	320
Office Supplies	3,500
P.C. Activities	15,000
Post & Printing	4,000
Secretarial	7,000
Shnorhali	3,500
Stipend	46,580
Telephone	2,500
Transfer	20,500
Utilities	15,700

**\$ 178,010**

ACYOA Jrs.  
Financial Report - 1994★

Income

Ski Trip Deposits From ACYOA Members	350.00
Ski Trip Deposit to Chalet Returned	275.00
Palm Sunday Donation	300.00
Palm Sunday Dinner	561.00
Mother's Day Dinner	572.00
Thanksgiving Dinner	785.00
Donations for Christmas Caroling	275.00
Interest	<u>41.43</u>

**Total** **3,159.43**

Expense

Ski Trip Deposit Returned	300.00
Ski Trip Deposit to Chalet	375.00
Postage	290.00
Palm Sunday Dinner	157.39
Certificates-ACYOA Members	39.38
Sports Weekend Travel Exp.	87.85
Rental for Gym	16.00
Pizza Party	<u>81.41</u>

**Total** **1,347.03**

Income 1994	3,159.43
Expenses 1994	<u>1,347.03</u>
Total Income 1994	1,812.40

Balance at hand (1/1/94)	774.87
Total Income 1994	<u>1,812.40</u>
Balance at hand (1/1/95)	2,587.27

★ This report replaces the financial report on page 32.

Book Store

1994

Income

Sales	\$9,047.00
Bank Interest	<u>\$ 114.08</u>
Total Income	\$9,161.08

Disbursement

*Merchandise/Improvement	\$7,496.55
Parish Council	\$3,000.00
Bank Fees	<u>\$ 10.02</u>
Total Disbursement	\$10,506.57

Opening Balance 1/1/94	\$5,447.25
Income	<u>\$9,161.08</u>
Total Balance	\$14,608.33
Total Disbursements	<u>\$10,506.57</u>
Closing Balance 12/31/94	\$4,101.76

Columbia First	\$1,305.76
Potomac Valley	<u>\$2,796.00</u>
	\$4,101.76

## 1994 DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY - HOUSTON, TEXAS

The 92nd Diocesan Assembly was convened during April 28 to May 1, 1995 in Houston, Texas. More than 160 delegates were present representing over fifty organized and mission parishes from throughout the Eastern Diocese.

**Re-Election of The Primate:** His Eminence, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian was re-elected for a second four year term. Of the 138 delegates that voted, 110 votes were in favor to re-elect the Primate. He was escorted by the clergy into the Church as the hymn "Oorakh Ler" was sung by the delegates.

**Western Diocese:** A representative from the Western Diocese gave the report that there are presently 17 clergy although Phoenix and East Los Angeles lack priests. The Diocese has five mission parishes with an additional parish forming in Las Vegas. The tragic Los Angeles earthquake has caused \$250,000 damage to the Western Diocese headquarters and \$500,000 damage to St Peter's Church. Both of these buildings lack Earthquake Insurance. Debbie Bedevian was hired as the Youth Director and a 160 Acre Camp was recently purchased. Operation Rescue has raised \$500,000 and 60,000 pounds of raisins were donated to benefit Armenia.

**Unity Report:** Much progress was made this past year as the Diocesan Unity Committee announced all prior unresolved issues have now been resolved with no major issues of contention remaining open. The Assembly did not discuss any details concerning these issues so the Unity Committee's efforts to reach an agreement in final form would not be hindered. The Assembly affirmed its faith in the Diocesan Unity committee and gave a vote of confidence to continue to finalize necessary details and arrangements for a united diocese.

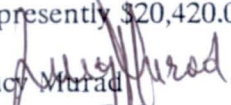
- An example of a point of Contention resolved is that English will be official language for any agreement.

**Armenian of the Year Award:** This year's "Armenian of the Year" Award was presented to Mr. Crosby Goshgarian of Watertown, Massachusetts. Mr. Goshgarian is an outstanding servant of the Armenian Church on both the local and Diocesan level. A leader in the Watertown community, he has served his parish of St. James Armenian Church as both a Parish Council member and as a Diocesan Delegate. Mr. Goshgarian is also a member of the Diocesan Unity Committee.

**Friend of the Armenians Award:** It is rare to find an individual who so devotes herself to the Armenian cause that she deserves the gratitude of our people. No individual could have been more appropriate to receive this year's "Friends of the Armenians" Award than Baroness Lady Carolyn Cox. Baroness Cox was honored for her humanitarian efforts on behalf of the Armenians in Karabagh. She has touched the hearts of our people worldwide and has inspired many to join her in this just cause. Lady Cox's outspoken convictions about the Karabagh Armenians, and her unswerving affirmation of the justice of their struggle has brought international attention to this conflict. Baroness arrived in Houston directly from Karabagh and provided delegates and other interested laymen with details of her eyewitness accounts of atrocities taking place in karabagh. Lady Cox has, to date, made 19 visits to the region with the help of Christian Solidarity International. She has raised funds to bring humanitarian relief to the region and has obtained much needed medical assistance. This assistance includes pushing through an immunization program for Armenian children of Karabagh funded by the British government.

**"Mission of the Church":** A video was produced showing the mission of the Armenian Church. "Vartans' Vision" had an initial budget of \$20,000. Due to costs over-runs, the final cost reached \$75,000. This documentary was previewed by the delegates during lunch. A lively discussion followed and the overall consensus and opinion was not in favor of the video or the concept of this video to be used as a public relations tool.

**Budget:** The financial report resulted in a heated discussion and the Diocese has a deficit of \$696,121 which was caused by underestimating and over-spending in a number of line items. A quarterly or Semi-Annual Report will be issued next year and the Assembly passed a budget of \$3,290,843.00. Our parish assessment is presently \$20,420.00.

  
Lucy Murad  
Alternate Delegate

