

June 2, 1983

Mr. Garo Martin  
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Dear Mr. Martin:

We thank you for your letter dated May 26th 1983, and appreciate your concern for the welfare of the parish of Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Toronto, Canada.

We were gratified to learn that a Resolution was passed by the Canadian Council of Churches at its last General Board Meeting, recognizing and condemning the Armenian Genocide, and a copy of which was mailed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs in Ottawa. It is gratifying to know that there are sincere people who are determined to make the truth and justice their primary consideration. Every effort must be made so that the world learns about the horror and inhumanity our people endured.

We the children and grandchildren of those who walked the darker paths of human experience, should not forget the atrocities committed, and every effort should be made to bring to the notice of the world this tragic episode. We have survived the holocaust and have risen from our ashes. We are alive today, replanted and reborn. Our tools are our glorious Christian faith and our great cultural heritage.

With regard to your query whether delegates from Canada can be included in the Etchmiadzin Delegation to the World Council of Churches conference in Vancouver, it is regretted that this will not be possible as the delegates were appointed by His Holiness Catholicos Vazken I, and registered early in 1982, and at this stage it will be too late to make any new appointments.

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones always.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate