

*Steward File*

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Dr. George Vranian  
Chairman of the Parish Council  
St. James Armenian Church  
834 Pepper Avenue  
Richmond, Virginia 23226

Dear Dr. Vranian:

We had a very interesting and, I think, productive meeting in Philadelphia last Sunday concerning ourselves principally with the deficit in the Diocesan budget which was voted at the last Assembly.

Various means were discussed for raising the necessary funds (\$60,000 in all, \$6,000 of which was ascribed to your region). Due to the distances involved, the two Philadelphia churches will work jointly, and the Washington and Richmond churches separately. In the resulting division, it was felt that setting \$700 as the share for Richmond would be fair.

As to the methods, the best is apparently the direct approach to individuals for donations of \$100 or \$50 as Stewards of the Cathedral. As an incentive, our headquarters is prepared to offer gifts from our bookstore--\$20 worth of gifts for \$100 donations; and \$10 worth of gifts for \$50 donations. We have sent a quantity of brochures listing the bookstore items from which the donors may make their selections.

We hope that it will be possible for you to fulfill this obligation and help us close the deficit this year in this manner. We have already made plans for the next year and subsequent years that will hopefully enable us to create most of the funds necessary for the support of Diocesan operations. These, too, were discussed at the Regional Meetings, but they as yet are not definite enough to set down on paper. We will be communicating with you concerning them in the near future.

Good luck. If we can help in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director

(cc: Reverend A. Barsamian  
Mr. Charles Dedian)