**ACYOA Central Council Meeting**

**June 9, 2012**

**Diocesan Center, NYC**

**Present:**

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian (Primate), Fr. Krikor Sabounjian (Consultant),

Danny Mantis (Chair), Karen Dardarian (Vice Chair), Ani Grigorian (Secretary),

Jonathan Pelaez (Treasurer), Armen Terjimanian (Public Relations Coordinator),

Olivia Derderian (Program Coordinator),

Adrienne Ashbahian (Special Projects Coordinator), Nancy Basmajian (Executive Secretary)

**Highlights of the meeting were as follows:**

1. The meeting opened with a **prayer** offered by Fr. Krikor Sabounjian and was followed by a **Bible study** facilitated by Nancy Basmajian on the job description of a disciple and the Great Commission.
2. The Central Council spent a considerable amount of time with the Primate reviewing and revising the **Guidelines for Sports Weekend**, which have been in use for several years. Suggestions from the 2012 General Assembly were also incorporated into the document which will be shared with the 2013 Sports Weekend Committee of the Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Church in Providence, RI.
3. **Goal-setting.** The Central Council assessed their 2011-12 goals and evaluated their current programming. They affirmed a Statement of Intent (first presented by the Primate at a gathering of Diocesan leaders on March 24), wrote a Vision Statement and created goals for the upcoming year.

***Statement of Intent:***

*Christ is essential in the life and spiritual formation of every Armenian and his or her family through the faith experience and tradition of the Armenian Church.*

***Vision Statement:***

*Through communication and education, we aim to develop community in order to inspire Armenian Christian spiritual formation.*

***Goals:***

*Goal 1: Strengthen chapters be developing a plan for assistance and forming new*

 *chapters where feasible.*

*Goal 2: Engage alumni in current organization.*

*Goal 3: Create digital media connection that will facilitate chapter-to-chapter*

 *communication.*

*Goal 4: Design programming around an education “back to spiritual basics” theme.*

*Goal 5: Develop and coordinate immersion/service opportunities for college*

 *students.*

It was determined that each Central Council member would choose two goals that interested them, thus forming lead teams for each goal. Each team will then develop a strategic plan for their goal and present in template form at the next CC meeting.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.