

**MINUTES OF THE 2013 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church, Providence, Rhode Island
May 23-24, 2013**

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013

First Assembly Session

The General Assembly of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America convened on Thursday May 23, 2013 at 7:25 pm. The 2012 ACYOA General Assembly Chair Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) welcomed delegates and called the meeting to order.

The following Central Council members were present:

Karen Dardarian, Vice Chair (Detroit, MI)
Ani Grigorian, Secretary (Racine, WI)
Armen Terjimanian, Public Relations Coordinator (Washington D.C)
Adrienne Ashbahian, Special Project Coordinator (Wynnewood, PA)

The following Central Council members arrived later:

Danny Mantis, Chair (Racine, WI)
Jonathan Pelaez, Treasurer (Livingston, NJ)

The following Central Council member was absent:

Olivia Derderian, Programming Coordinator (White Plains, NY)

Roll Call

Ani Grigorian (CC Secretary, Racine, WI) conducted roll call. She stated that 54 of the expected 71 delegates were present. (*See Attachment A*)

Invocation

The Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian offered the Invocation.

Introduction of Robert's Rules of Order

Assembly Chair Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) reviewed meeting procedure and provided a brief explanation of Robert's Rules of Order, referring to the "Parliamentary Procedure at a Glance" chart supplied to the delegates in their registration folders. (*See Attachment B*)

Election of Assembly Chair and Vice Chair

Representing the Nominating Committee, Matt Royland (Fair Lawn, NJ) presented the following nominees for Assembly Chair: Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) and Arthur Sabounjian (Framingham, MA). There were no nominations from the floor.

Fr. Aren Jebejian (Chicago, IL) made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Aaron Derderian (Watertown, MA) and passed.

Adoption of Agenda (*See Attachment C*)

Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) suggested temporarily moving item V, Appointment of Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Parliamentarian, and Resolutions and Courtesies Committee to later in the First Assembly Session after the Report of the 2012 Sports Weekend Committee.

Fr. Yeprem Kelegian (Racine, WI) made a motion to move item VIII, Joint Report of the Central Council and Executive Secretary to the end of the First Assembly Session, after item XI, 2013 Sports Weekend Committee Welcome. Aaron Derderian (Watertown, MA) seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Karen Dardarian (CC Vice Chair, Southfield, MI) moved to make item VIII, Joint Report of the Central Council and Executive Secretary to the first item of the Third Assembly Session on Friday, clarifying that the Central Council Chair would not be present until Friday. The motion was seconded by Aaron Derderian (Watertown, MA) and passed.

Armen Terjimanian (CC Public Relations Coordinator, Washington, DC) offered a point of information that under the Third Assembly Session's Agenda, "2011 Financial Report" should read "2012 Financial Report." Aaron Derderian (Watertown, MA) moved to accept the agenda as amended. Daniel Zalinov (Charlotte, NC) seconded the motion and it passed.

Acceptance of the 2012 General Assembly Minutes

The floor was opened for questions regarding the minutes of the 2012 General Assembly. No questions were posed. Chelsea Kress (Fair Lawn, NJ) moved to accept the minutes from the 2012 General Assembly. Crystal Densmore (Racine, WI) seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Report of the 2012 Sports Weekend Committee (See Attachment J)

Co-Chairs of the 2012 Sports Weekend Committee, Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) and Shant Paklaian (Chicago, IL) delivered their report. They thanked all participants and emphasized that the process of planning a General Assembly and Sports Weekend can greatly strengthen an ACYOA chapter. The goal of hosting the event in downtown Chicago was met by drawing on support from other Chicago parishes, keeping expenses low, and generating income with an intense Ad-Book campaign. Shant mentioned that as of the date of the Assembly, the Committee's Budget Report had been omitted due to an unresolved dispute with the Knickerbocker Hotel. Shant cited this dispute as a reason for future Sports Weekend Committees to remain vigilant with respect to contract-review. Assembly Chair Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) opened the floor for questions for the 2012 Sports Weekend committee.

Fr. Simeon Odabashian (Diocesan Vicar) asked if there was a projection for the income generated by the 2012 Sports Weekend. Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) explained that a small deficit would be incurred if the current dispute is resolved unfavorably. If there is a positive resolution, a \$5,000.00 profit is projected. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian (Racine, WI) commended the Committee on a job well done, calling it a Christian and wholesome event.

Caiti Zeytoonian (Watertown, MA) made a motion to accept the abridged report. Arthur Sabounjian (Framingham, MA) seconded the motion and it passed.

Election of Assembly Chair and Vice Chair (con't)

Matt Royland (Fair Lawn, NJ) announced that Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) was elected Chair of the Assembly and that Arthur Sabounjian (Framingham, MA) would serve as Vice Chair of the Assembly.

Appointment of Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Parliamentarian, and Resolutions and Courtesies Committee

Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) announced that the appointments of the Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Parliamentarian, and Resolutions and Courtesies Committee that had previously been skipped would now take place.

He announced that Melissa Mardoian (Palos Heights, IL) and Christine Santourian (Southfield, MI) have been appointed Assembly Co-Secretaries by Central Council.

Aaron Derderian (Watertown, MA) and Ronald Malconian (Cambridge, MA) were appointed to serve as Sergeants-at-Arms. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian (Racine, WI) was appointed to serve as the Parliamentarian.

The following delegates were appointed to serve on the Resolutions and Courtesies Committee: Nora Dulkadir (Chicago, IL), Alex Hachigian (Southfield, MI), Krikor Javardian (Cheltenham, PA) and Alex Oganosova (Pinellas Park, FL).

Report of the Hand-In-Hand ACYOA/FAR Committee

Jonathan Pelaez (CC Treasurer, Livingston, NJ) addressed the Assembly on behalf of the ACYOA/FAR Committee as no members of the Committee were present at the Assembly. He provided an update on the committee's progress and mentioned that there was not much new information to report. Jonathan highlighted that work on the postponed Art Auction is underway and the Committee is researching location and date of the event.

Welcome by the 2013 Sports Weekend Committee

The 2013 General Assembly/Sports Weekend Committee Co-chairs, Nick Durgarian and Gevork Vartanian of the Sts. Sahag and Mesrob ACYOA Chapter in Providence, RI welcomed the delegates to Providence and briefly reviewed the schedule of activities. They expressed their appreciation to the rest of their committee and stated that they expected a successful and memorable weekend.

Discussion:

Assembly Chair Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) invited Jennifer Morris, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries to address the Assembly. Jennifer updated the Assembly on upcoming opportunities and resources for young leaders: participation as Hye Camp and St. Vartan Camp staff members, introduction of the Vemkar mobile application, and Fr. Daniel Findikyan's book Frequently Asked Questions About the *Badarak*.

Fr. Karekin Kasparian (White Plains, NY) expressed that the entire Assembly should recognize that Jennifer Morris has been appointed to an extended new role within the Diocese and voiced his profound appreciation. He also highly commended the work and leadership former ACYOA Executive Secretary Nancy Basmajian performed in her years of dedicated service.

Assembly Chair Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) opened the floor for a brief discussion on any matters relevant to the Assembly. (*See Attachment I*)

A motion to recess was duly made, seconded, and carried.

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2013

Second Assembly Session

Assembly Vice-Chair Arthur Sabounjian (Framingham, MA) called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

Roll Call

Ani Grigorian (CC Secretary, Racine, WI) conducted the roll call. There were 55 out of the expected 71 delegates present.

Primate's Message

The Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian delivered his annual message to the Assembly. (*See Attachment G*)

Bible Study

Adrienne Ashbahian (CC Special Programs Coordinator, Wynnewood PA) introduced the format of the Bible Study. She reflected on how we must know Christ to have others see Christ in us and mentioned that to be the Light of the world we must be unapologetic Christians. The Assembly was broken into groups and distributed copies of the Bible study exercise. (*See Attachment H*)

iBook Demonstration

Jennifer Morris, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, made a brief presentation about new resources available from the Diocesan Communication Department. She demonstrated forthcoming Feast Day iBooks and explained their myriad uses for Ministry.

The Assembly Vice-Chair Arthur Sabounjian (Framingham, MA) called for a break and stated that the Assembly will reconvene at 11:10 am.

Third Assembly Session

The Assembly Chair Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) called the meeting to order at 11:15.

Joint Report of the Central Council and Executive Secretary

The Central Council report (*see Attachment D*) and the report of the Executive Secretary (*see Attachment E*) were presented by Danny Mantis (CC Chair, Racine, WI). After the presentation, Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) invited comments.

Fr. Karekin Kasparian (White Plains, NY) commended the first paragraph of the Central Council report, regarding ACYOA celebrations, and asked that the Central Council members who participated in those events be listed, along with their Central Council position and hometown.

Fr. Yeprem Kelegian (Racine, WI) asked to hear about former ACYOA Executive Secretary Nancy Basmajian's leadership style. He requested that Central Council members expand on her mentorship. Ani Grigorian (CC Secretary, Racine, WI) said she appreciated how Nancy learned each members' strengths and weaknesses to help them succeed in their roles on the Council.

Karen Dardarian (CC Vice-Chair, Detroit MI) added that she helped members improve upon their weaker areas so they could grow as leaders. Most importantly, Karen noted that Nancy was always available for help and support.

Fr. Yeprem Kelegian (Racine, WI) again applauded Nancy for her years of dedicated service as a great Minister of our Church. He asked how the ACYOA will recognize her life's achievements.

The Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian mentioned that Nancy's contributions were not only to the ACYOA but to the educational programming of the Diocese as a whole.

Lauren Piligian (Framingham, MA) expressed interest in creating a scholarship in Nancy Basmajian's name and Danny Mantis (CC Chair, Racine, WI) said that it would be appropriate to revisit that idea under New Business and encouraged Lauren to draft a Proposal. Yn. Arpi Kouzouian (Cambridge, MA) pointed out that delegates should share their kind thoughts and appreciation with Nancy by reaching out to her personally as well.

Fr. Garabed Kochakian (Southfield, MI) suggested that dedicating a future Diocesan publication in her honor could be another option to commemorate her efforts and contributions. Fr. Karekin Kasparian (White Plains, NY) asked about the reasons behind the difficulty in attracting participants for the Armenia Service Program. He specifically inquired about efforts to publicize the trip. Danny Mantis (CC Chair, Racine, WI) cited the trip's high cost as the greatest challenge and explained that the Central Council usually takes a financial loss to subsidize a portion of each participant's cost.

Fr. Garabed Kochakian (Southfield, MI) moved to accept the Joint Report. Gregory Torosian (Cambridge, MA) seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Report of the Auditing Committee

Two members of the 2012 Auditing Committee, Krikor Javardian (Cheltenham, PA) and Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) presented the committee's findings. (*See Attachment F*) Auditing Committee member Eric Ashbahian (Fair Lawn, NJ) prepared the audit. Krikor informed the Assembly of the higher costs of the 2012 Armenia Service Program trip and the 2012 Leadership Conference. He explained that the actual cost was higher than expected due to a large number of participants.

He also explained that travel costs for Central Council meetings and Chapter Visits were higher than expected, and that Central Council attempted to lessen this expenditure by limiting the amount of meetings they held in person.

Danny Mantis (CC Chairman, Racine, WI) moved to accept the Auditing Committee's report. Shant Paklaian (Chicago, IL) seconded the motion and the motion passed.

2012 Financial Report

Central Council Treasurer Jonathan Pelaez (CC Treasurer, Livingston, NJ) presented the 2012 Financial Report (*See Attachment K*). Jonathan highlighted the major points of his report. First, he explained that income was higher than what was budgeted, however a large portion of this came from donations. Second, he discussed a \$385.00 increase in dues-payments over the expected amount.

After this explanation, Jonathan fielded questions from the floor. Aras Mermer (Washington, DC) asked about qualifications for the Chapter Assistance Program. Jonathan explained that the Chapter Assistance Program is a budgeted amount of seed money that must be approved by Central Council for an ACYOA chapter to host an event. Der Garabed Kochakian (Detroit, MI) asked Jonathan to clarify whether Chapter Assistance seed money is given as a loan or an allocation of funds without the expectation of re-payment. Danny answered that the intent is to promote chapters' events without the burden of repayment and that chapters do or do not return the money on a case by case basis.

Grace Bedoian (Racine, WI) asked why expenses for the Standing Committees fluctuated so much. Jonathan responded that this line item represents the Hand in Hand/FAR Committee and that the projected expenses did not occur due to a date change for the FAR Art Auction.

Fr. Krikor Sabounjian (Framingham, MA) suggested that the ACYOA contribute money from the little-used Chapter Assistance fund to the construction efforts of the new location of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary in Armonk, New York. Jonathan explained that Central Council does allocate support to fellow Diocesan organizations as cash flow permits. Danny added that the ACYOA does make an annual contribution to the seminary through the Summer Conference program.

Fr. Shnork Souin (Providence, RI) moved to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Matt Dalakian (Livingston, NJ) and passed

Elections: Central Council

The Nominating Committee presented the nominees for the 2013 Central Council:

Erika Belezarian (Springfield, MA)
Nicholas Burdman (Fairlawn, NJ)
Alyne Corrigan (Elberon, NJ)
Chelsea Kress (Fair Lawn, NJ)

Shant Paklaian (Chicago, IL)
Tamar Merjian (Boca Raton, FL)
Matthew Royland (Fairlawn, NJ)
Gregory Torosian (Cambridge, MA)

Note: The following nominees were not present: Nicholas Burdman (Fair Lawn, NJ), Alyne Corrigan (Elberon, NJ).

The floor was opened for further nominations. Danny Mantis (CC Chair, Racine, WI) nominated Liana Kurkjian (White Plains, NY). The nomination was seconded by Aaron Derderian (Watertown, MA) and accepted.

Chelsea Kress (Fair Lawn, NJ) nominated Adrienne Ashbahian. The nomination was seconded by Ani Grigorian (Racine, WI) and accepted.

Alex Hachigian (Southfield, MI) nominated Harry Kezelian (Southfield, MI). The nomination was seconded by Christine Santourian (Southfield, MI) and accepted.

Jonathan Pelaez (Livingston, NJ) nominated Daniel Zalinov (Charlotte, NC). The nomination was seconded by Matt Dalakian (Livingston, NJ) and accepted.

Fr. Garabed Kochakian (Southfield, MI) moved to close nominations. Aaron Derderian (Watertown, MA) seconded the motion and it carried. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian (Racine, WI) made a point of information to clarify voting procedure and define the terms of a majority vote. Central Council Secretary Ani Grigorian (Racine, WI) conducted roll call. She announced that 66 voting delegates were present.

The Assembly Chair, Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) announced the Assembly would break for lunch.

Primate's Luncheon & Presentation of ACYOA Awards

The following ACYOA Awards were presented by Central Council (*See Attachment L for a complete listing of the 2012 awards*):

Chapter "A" Award: St. Mary's Armenian Church, Livingston, NJ

Gregory Arpajian Award: Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL)

Sam Nersessian Award: Krikor Javardian (Cheltenham, PA)

Father Haigazoun Melkonian Award: Fr. Hovnan Demerjian, St. Hagop Armenian Church, St. Petersburg, FL

The Fr. Haroutiun and Yn. Patricia Dagley Award: Dn. Levon Altiparmakian, St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, New Rochelle, NY

Fifth Assembly Session

The Assembly Chair Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) called the meeting to order.

Elections: Central Council (con't)

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Lydia Kurkjian (White Plains, NY) announced that two candidates had received the majority and were elected to Central Council. She recommended dropping three names based on a ten vote difference between those candidates and the next highest vote getters. Fr. Aren Jebejian (Chicago, IL) moved to accept Lydia's recommendation. Alex Hachigian (Southfield, MI) seconded the motion and it carried. Nick Burdman (Fair Lawn, NJ), Shant Paklaian (Chicago, IL), and Adrienne Ashbahian (Wynnewood, PA) were removed from the ballot.

The following nominees remained on the ballot:

Liana Kurkjian (White Plains, NY)
Daniel Zalinov (Charlotte, NC)
Erika Belezarian (Springfield, MA)
Alyne Corrigan (Elberon, NJ)
Chelsea Kress (Fair Lawn, NJ)
Tamar Merjian (Boca Raton, FL)
Matthew Royland (Fairlawn, NJ)
Gregory Torosian (Cambridge, MA)
Harry Kezelian, (Southfield, MI)

The Assembly was asked to vote for no more than two of the remaining Central Council candidates. Ani Grigorian (CC Secretary, Racine, WI) conducted roll call. She stated that 66 delegates were present and voting.

2014 Proposed Budget

Jonathan Pelaez (CC Treasurer, Livingston, NJ) opened the floor for questions and comments on the income section of the budget. (*See Attachment M*) He mentioned that the overall goal was to raise more money to hold larger religious education events. He explained that he would like to remove the Funds Received, EMA Annual fee line item on the grounds that it had not been utilized for the past three years and then opened the floor for questions.

Fr. Aren Jebejian (Chicago, IL) asked if the projected \$1,500.00 return of seed money given to the Providence General Assembly/Sports Weekend Committee would occur. Jonathan affirmed that the \$1,500.00 of seed money was granted during the 2012 fiscal year and would be returned.

Shant Paklaian (Chicago IL) moved to accept the budget as presented. Liana Kurkjian (White Plains, NY) seconded the motion and it passed.

Jonathan Pelaez (CC Treasurer, Livingston, NJ) called for amendments to the 2014 Proposed Budget.

Fr. Yeprem Kelegian (Racine, WI) motioned to raise the \$3,000.00 fundraising line item to \$4,000.00, adding a new expense of \$1,000.00 as a contribution to a scholarship fund named for Nancy Basmajian. The motion was seconded by Arthur Sabounjian (Framingham, MA).

Fr. Garabed Kochakian (Southfield, MI) believed the motion proposed the creation of a new line item under Scholarships and expressed that if that were the case, it should come in the form of a proposal. Jonathan Pelaez (CC Treasurer, Livingston, NJ) stated that he did not want to raise the amount of projected income, and asked Fr. Yeprem to clarify whether the amount to be included in the Scholarship Fund he spoke of had anything to do with fundraising. Fr. Yeprem clarified that it will be addressed in New Business.

The Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian asked Fr. Yeprem Kelegian to give more information on what was to be proposed during New Business with respect to a Scholarship Fund honoring Nancy Basmajian. Fr. Yeprem responded that he was not sure of exactly what the proposal would consist of but merely wanted to express his support that such a Scholarship Fund be created.

The Primate agreed that creating such a Fund was a great idea that could include outreach beyond the ACYOA. Fr. Yeprem added that the \$1,000.00 cited in the motion would be ACEF seed money, and the potential amount contributed would be obtained by fundraising.

Fr. Krikor Sabounjian (Framingham, MA) pointed out the potential issue presented by passing the motion in advance of the Assembly accepting the proposal to establish the fund. He asked what would happen if the Assembly did not create a Nancy Basmajian Scholarship Fund by the end of General Assembly.

Assembly Chair Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) asked Parliamentarian Fr. Yeprem Kelegian (Racine, WI) if it would be possible to table the topic and revisit it under new business. Der Yeprem answered that a motion would be necessary to table approval of the 2014 Budget. A motion was made by Caiti Zeytoonian (Watertown, MA) to table approval of the 2014 Budget and was seconded by Erika Belezarian (Springfield, MA). The motion passed.

New Business: Proposals

There were no written proposals submitted to Central Council.

Elections: Central Council (Cont'd)

Lydia Kurkjian (White Plains, NY) of the Nominating Committee announced that the second round of voting did not yield a majority winner. She recommended that the Assembly drop the three lowest vote getters.

There was a four vote difference between the 3rd lowest vote getter and the remaining candidates.

Fr. Aren Jebejian (Chicago, IL) moved to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and drop the lowest three vote getters. Aaron Derderian (Watertown, MA) seconded the motion.

Fr. Yeprem Kelegian (Racine, WI) spoke against the motion and suggested dropping the last two vote getters instead of the last three. Fr. Garabed Kochakian (Southfield, MI) called the motion. Assembly Chair Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) announced that the vote was split evenly, with twenty eight votes for the motion and twenty eight votes against. Sam clarified that in case of an exact tie, the decision would be left to the Primate. The Primate said the lowest three names would be dropped. Erika Belezarian (Springfield, MA), Liana Kurkjian (White Plains, NY), and Alyne Corrigan (Elberon, NJ) were removed from the ballot.

The following nominees remained on the ballot:

Daniel Zalinov (Charlotte, NC)
Chelsea Kress (Fair Lawn, NJ)
Tamar Merjian (Boca Raton FL)
Matthew Royland (Fair Lawn, NJ)
Gregory Torosian (Cambridge, MA)
Harry Kezelian, (Southfield, MI)

The Assembly was asked to vote for zero, one, or two of the remaining Central Council candidates.

Ani Grigorian (CC Secretary, Racine, WI) conducted roll call. She stated that 67 delegates were present and voting.

New Business: 2015 General Assembly/Sports Weekend Bids

Karen Dardarian, Alex Hachigian, Harry Kezelian, and Christine Santourian of the St. John ACYOA chapter of Southfield, MI presented their bid for the 2015 Sports Weekend/General Assembly.

There were no additional bids for 2015.

Gregory Ekchian (Cambridge, MA) asked about the cost of airfare from the East Coast to Detroit.

Jonathan Pelaez (CC Treasurer, Livingston, NJ) made a motion to accept Detroit's bid for 2015 General Assembly/Sports Weekend. Motion seconded by Ani Grigorian (CC Secretary, Racine, WI). The motion passed.

Elections: Central Council (Cont'd)

Lydia Kurkjian (White Plains, NY) of the Nominating Committee recommended that the lowest vote getter be dropped, as a majority winner had not emerged. She presented the spread of votes as: 17, 19, 19, 20, 20, and 21. Fr. Garabed Kochakian motioned to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation.

Liana Kurkjian (White Plains, NY) seconded the motion and the motion carried. Gregory Torosian (Cambridge, MA) was removed from the ballot.

The following nominees remained on the ballot.

Daniel Zalinov (Charlotte, NC)

Chelsea Kress (Fair Lawn, NJ)

Tamar Merjian (Boca Raton FL)

Matthew Royland (Fair Lawn, NJ)

Harry Kezelian, (Southfield, MI)

Ani Grigorian (CC Secretary, Racine, WI) conducted roll call. She stated that 67 delegates were present and voting.

New Business: Other

Assembly Chair Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) expressed that he would like to recognize former Central Council members present at the Assembly, Deacon Diran Jebejian (Fair Lawn, NJ) and Christopher Korkoian (Southfield, MI).

New Business: Proposals

Lauren Piligian (Framingham, MA) advised the Assembly that she had a proposal she would like to present.

Parliamentarian Fr. Yeprem Kelegian (Racine, WI) explained that a vote was necessary to decide if the Assembly would hear the proposal. Danny Mantis (CC Chair, Racine, WI) clarified that the proposal could be read so that the Assembly would be informed of its content prior to voting. Lauren Piligian (Framingham, MA) read the proposal regarding the creation of a scholarship fund in honor of Nancy Basmajian.

The assembly voted to allow discussion of the proposal. Fr. Garabed Kochakian (Southfield, MI) noted that the proposal indicated a scholarship but did not cite a specific amount. He asked whether that would be at the discretion of the committee or the Central Council.

Fr. Yeprem Kelegian (Racine, WI) clarified that when money is held in the ACEF, 4% is disbursed each year, which constitutes a standard operating procedure. Assembly Chair Sam Mrofcza added that funds would be paid out based on the cost of the trip that year.

Alex Hachigian (Southfield, MI) asked how the amount awarded to scholarship recipients would be awarded. She questioned if it would vary by personal situation. Assembly Chair Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) explained that it would not be set at a certain amount but would be left up to Central Council.

Danny Mantis (CC Chair, Racine, WI) asked if it would be given to individuals who wanted to participate on the ASP trip or if it would be a lump sum amount disbursed to Central Council to offset the total cost of that year's ASP trip. He also inquired as to what criteria would be used to award the scholarship. Assembly Chair Sam Mrofcza answered that it would be left up to Central Council.

The Primate recommended that Central Council would propose its decision annually to the General Assembly, where it could be modified as needed. Danny Mantis (CC Chair, Chicago, IL) voiced his support for the idea and suggested that \$5,000.00 of unused investment fund principal could initiate the Scholarship Fund's account.

Karen Dardarian (CC Vice Chair, Southfield, MI) asked if Nancy Basmajian would want to give her name to another program or opportunity. Fr. Garabed Kochakian (Southfield, MI) said that she could name it according to her wishes, and that Assembly could suggest its recommendation based on the current discussion. Jonathan Pelaez (CC Treasurer, Livingston, NJ) suggested that the name should be revised to the “Nancy Basmajian Educational Scholarship” in light of the fact that it was still unknown what endeavor the fund would support.

Assembly Chair Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) asked Lauren Piligian (Framingham, MA) to amend the current proposal to reflect that suggestion. She agreed. The chair called for a motion to end discussion. Fr. Garabed Kochakian made the motion and it was seconded by Grace Bedoian (Racine, WI). The motion carried.

Elections: Central Council (Con’t)

Lydia Kurkjian of the Nominated Committee announced that the latest round of voting yielded a spread of 19, 21, 21, 22, and 25 votes for the remaining candidates. She recommended that the Assembly drop the lowest vote getter. Matt Dalakian (Livingston, NJ) moved to accept the Nominating Committee’s recommendation to drop the lowest vote getter. Motion seconded by Ronald Malconian (Cambridge, MA). The motion passed. Tamar Merjian (Boca Raton, FL) was taken off the ballot.

The following nominees remained on the ballot:

Daniel Zalinov (Charlotte, NC)

Chelsea Kress (Fair Lawn, NJ)

Matthew Royland (Fair Lawn, NJ)

Harry Kezelian, (Southfield, MI)

Ani Grigorian (CC Secretary, Racine, WI) conducted roll call. She stated that 66 delegates were present and voting.

New Business: Proposals

Krikor Javardian (Cheltenham, PA) read a proposal regarding the creation of an ACYOA Alumni committee on behalf of the Holy Trinity ACYOA chapter.

Fr. Karekin Kasparian (White Plains, NY) suggested that past ACYOA Executive Secretaries also be included in addition to the experienced members of the Central Council. Harry Kezelian (Southfield, MI) asked how the initial committee members would be elected.

The Primate expressed his support for inviting the counsel of alumni as advisers to Central Council, but felt an executive board would be cumbersome.

Harry Kezelian (Southfield, MI) motioned to amend the proposal to include the provision that the original committee members would be chosen by the 2014 General Assembly. The amendment was seconded by Alex Hachigian (Southfield, MI) and passed. Danny Mantis (CC Chair, Racine, WI) moved to close discussion of the proposal. Aaron Derderian (Watertown, MA) seconded the motion. The motion did not pass and discussion continued.

Danny Mantis (CC Chair, Racine, WI) questioned the rationale for bringing this proposal to the floor. He asked if close alumni support had occurred previously to necessitate the creation of such a committee. Danny also mentioned that financial contributions from alumni are a useful arena for bringing them closer to the ACYOA.

Krikor Javardian (Cheltenham, PA) answered that no specific research had been conducted, but the chapter felt the issue merited discussion at the Assembly due to its potential benefit. Armen Terjimanian (CC PR Coordinator, Washington, DC) asked where the list of potential committee members came from. Krikor answered that he had approached those listed in the proposal. Armen voiced his support, stating that it could be

very useful and if individuals were interested in accepting positions on the committee, it should be established. He presented the example of other Armenian organizations with successful alumni branches.

The Primate pointed out that the proposal named individuals who already hold leadership positions within the Eastern Diocese. He noted that other organizations may require alumni because involvement ceases after members pass their University years.

Melissa Mardoian (Palos Heights, IL) asked if Central Council would choose members from a list of potential candidates.

Assembly Chair Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) asked the Primate to clarify if his suggestion was a recommendation to amend the proposal. The Primate answered that the General Assembly could recommend a concrete advisory committee to serve as advisers to the Central Council. Harry Kezelian (Southfield, MI) spoke in favor of the proposal. Fr. Garabed Kochakian moved to end discussion. Erica Belezarian (Springfield, MA) seconded the motion and it carried. Discussion closed.

Elections: Central Council (con't)

The most recent round of voting yielded a spread of 21, 25, 28, and 32. Parliamentarian Fr. Yeprem Kelegian (Racine, WI) advised that according to the by-laws, no candidates could be dropped at this time. Fr. Krikor Sabounjian (Framingham, MA) noted that it was still possible to drop a name from the ballot, as the provision states that the slate of nominees must be doubled at the beginning of the election. Fr. Yeprem agreed with Fr. Krikor and moved to drop one name from the ballot.

Danny Mantis (CC Chair, Racine, WI) seconded the motion and the motion carried. Matthew Royland (Fair Lawn, NJ) was dropped from the ballot. Lydia Kurkjian (White Plains, NY) advised that delegates could vote for zero or one candidate in the next round.

Ani Grigorian (CC Secretary, Racine, WI) conducted roll call. She stated that 56 delegates were present and voting.

The following nominees remained on the ballot:

Daniel Zalinov (Charlotte, NC)

Chelsea Kress (Fair Lawn, NJ)

Harry Kezelian, (Southfield, MI)

The following nominee received a majority and was elected to the 2013 Central Council:

Daniel Zalinov (Charlotte, NC)

New Business: Proposals (con'td)

Danny Mantis (CC Chair, Racine, WI) advised that Nancy Basmajian was in agreement that the scholarship proposed in her name should fund ASP participants, be administered by the Central Council, held in ACEF, and scholarship awards given out when the fund reaches \$10,000.00. Assembly Chair Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) stated that Danny had suggested amending the motion to reflect these changes. Daniel Zalinov (Charlotte, NC) seconded the amendment and the motion was amended. The Chair called to question on the proposal, and Danielle Malconian (Cambridge, MA) seconded. The proposal passed.

In recognition of the scholarship's establishment, ACYOA Alum Deacon Diran Jebejian (Fair Lawn, NJ) announced that he would match up to \$1,000.00 for every dollar collected amongst the Assembly.

Caiti Zeytoonian (Watertown, MA) read a proposal regarding the creation of a Nancy Basmajian Service Award to be given to an employee of the Eastern Diocese. Harry Kezelian (Southfield, MI) voiced his support for the proposal, but questioned the pool of potential honorees given the number of people employed by the Diocese. Crystal Densmore (Racine, WI) moved to close discussion. Alex Hachigian (Southfield, MI) seconded the motion. The motion did not carry.

Yn. Arpi Kouzouian (Cambridge, MA) made a friendly amendment that the word employee be changed to staff member. Fr. Shnork Souin (Providence, RI) asked how the criteria for the award would be established. Danny Mantis (CC Chair, Racine, WI) proposed an amendment that would remove the provision that the award be given annually and instead granted as the Assembly willed. Aaron Derderian (Watertown, MA) seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Fr. Simeon Odabashian (Diocese) asked who specifically would receive the award; he questioned whether ACYOA involvement would be necessary. Der Krikor Sabounjian (Framingham, MA) proposed to amend the wording regarding granting of the award to “when appropriate.” Fr. Garabed Kochakian (Southfield, MI) suggested it be revised to “as deemed.” Assembly Chair Sam Mrofcza called for a motion for further revision of the proposal prior to voting.

Fr. Yeprem Kelegian (Racine, WI) made a friendly amendment to include “devotion for the ACYOA and/or all the youth of the church,” in the language of the amendment. Fr. Garabed Kochakian (Southfield, MI) moved to table discussion of the proposal. The motion was seconded by Alex Hachigian (Southfield, MI) and passed.

Election Results: Central Council

The following nominees received a majority and were elected to the 2013 Central Council:

Adrienne Ashbahian (Wynnewood, PA)
Shant Paklaian (Chicago, IL)
Daniel Zalinov (Charlotte, NC)
Chelsea Kress (Fair Lawn, NJ)
Alternate: Harry Kezelian (Southfield, MI)

Elections: Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee presented the ballot for the 2013 Nominating Committee as follows:

Alyne Corrigan (Elberon, NJ)
Talene Jermakian (Springfield, MA)
Mary Keutelian (Greenfield, WI)
Lauren Piligian (Framingham, MA)

The floor was opened for further nominations.

The following candidate was nominated, seconded, and accepted the nomination: Peter Oundjian (Watertown, MA)

The following candidate was nominated, seconded, and accepted the nomination: Alex Hachigian Southfield, MI)

The following candidate was nominated, seconded, and accepted the nomination: Crystal Densmore (Racine, WI)

The following candidate was nominated, seconded, and accepted the nomination: Christine Santourian (Southfield, MI)

The following candidate was nominated, seconded, and accepted the nomination: Danielle Malconian (Cambridge, MA)

Note: The following nominees were not present: Alyne Corrigan (Elberon, NJ) and Mary Keutelian (Greenfield, WI)

Danny Mantis (CC Chair, Racine, WI) motioned to conduct elections for Nominating Committee and Auditing Committee simultaneously. The motion was seconded and carried.

Elections: Auditing Committee

The Nominating Committee presented the nominees for the 2013 Auditing Committee:

Jon Simonian (New York, NY)

Melody Babakhanian (Dallas, TX)

Christine Santourian (Southfield, MI)

Note: Jon Simonian (New York, NY) and Melody Babakhanian (Dallas, TX) were not present.

The floor was opened for further nominations.

The following candidate was nominated, seconded, and accepted the nomination: Gregory Torosian (Cambridge, MA)

The following candidate was nominated and seconded but declined the nomination: Melissa Mardoian (Palos Heights, IL)

The following candidate was nominated, seconded, and accepted the nomination: Grace Bedoian (Racine, WI)

The following candidate was nominated, seconded, and accepted the nomination: Tim Aznavourian (Providence, RI)

Harry Kezelian (Southfield, MI) moved to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Erika Belezarian (Springfield, MA) and carried.

Ani Grigorian (CC Secretary, Racine, WI) conducted roll call. She stated that 56 delegates were present and voting.

New Business: Other

Assembly Chair Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) announced that \$1,000.00 for the newly established Nancy Basmajian Educational Scholarship Fund had been raised amongst the Assembly. He thanked Deacon Diran Jebejian for offering to match that amount. The Chair called for a motion to revisit the issue of the 2014 Proposed Budget. Karen Dardarian (CC Vice Chair, Southfield, MI) made the motion. It was seconded by Ronald Malconian (Cambridge, MA) and passed.

New Business: 2014 Proposed Budget (con'td)

Der Yeprem Kelegian (Racine, WI) clarified his earlier motion by explaining that the line item "Nancy Basmajian Scholarship Fund" would be removed once the fund reached \$50,000.00. Ronald Malconian (Cambridge, MA) moved to close discussion. Der Krikor Sabounjian (Framingham, MA) seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chelsea Kress (Fair Lawn, NJ) moved to accept the 2014 Proposed Budget as amended. Danielle Malconian (Cambridge, MA) seconded the motion and the Budget was approved.

Report of the Resolutions and Courtesies Committee

Nora Dulkadir (Chicago, IL) and Alex Hachigian (Southfield, MI) presented the Resolutions and Courtesies Committee Report (See Attachment P). Delegates made a few additions to the report.

Crystal Densmore (Racine, WI) moved to accept the report as amended. The motion was seconded by Daniel Zalinov (Charlotte, NC) and carried.

Election Results: Auditing Committee

The following nominees received a majority and were elected to the 2013 Auditing Committee:

Christine Santourian (Southfield, MI)
Gregory Torosian (Cambridge, MA)

Chelsea Kress (Fair Lawn, NJ) moved to drop the lowest two vote getters. Jonathan Pelaez (CC Treasurer, Livingston, NJ) seconded the motion and it passed. Tim Aznavourian (Providence, RI) and Grace Bedoian (Racine, WI) were removed from the ballot.

The following nominees remained on the ballot:

Melody Babakhanian (Dallas, TX)
Jon Simonian (New York, NY)

Ani Grigorian (CC Secretary, Racine, WI) conducted the roll call. She announced that 55 delegates were present and voting.

Elections: Nominating Committee (Con't)

Aaron Derderian (Watertown, MA) moved to drop the lowest 4 vote getters. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Pelaez (CC Treasurer, Livingston, NJ). Alyne Corrigan (Elberon, NJ) Alex Hachigian (Southfield, MI), Peter Oundjian (Watertown, MA), and Crystal Densmore (Racine, WI) were removed from the ballot.

The following nominees remained on the ballot:

Talene Jermakian (Springfield, MA)
Mary Keutelian (Greenfield, WI)
Lauren Piligian (Framingham, MA)
Christine Santourian (Southfield, MI)
Danielle Malconian (Cambridge, MA)

The next round of voting did not yield a majority winner. Ronald Malconian (Cambridge, MA) made a motion to drop the lowest vote getter. Fr. Simeon (Diocesan Vicar) seconded the motion. Christine Santourian (Southfield, MI) was removed from the ballot.

The following nominees remained on the ballot:

Talene Jermakian (Springfield, MA)
Mary Keutelian (Greenfield, WI)
Lauren Piligian (Framingham, MA)
Danielle Malconian (Cambridge, MA)

Ani Grigorian (CC Secretary, Racine, WI) conducted roll call. She stated that 57 voting delegates were present.

Passing of the Banner to the 2014 General Assembly/Sports Weekend Committee

In a special ceremony, Fr. Shnorh Souin (Providence, RI) and Central Council members passed the Assembly banner to the 2014 General Assembly/Sports Weekend Committee Co-Chairs, Sarine Atamian and Chrysti Cook of Holy Martyrs Armenian Church of Bayside, NY.

Election Results: Auditing Committee

The following nominee received a majority and was elected to the 2013 Auditing Committee:

Jon Simonian (New York, NY)

Alternate: Melody Babakhanian (Dallas, TX)

Election Results: Nominating Committee

The following nominees received a majority and were elected to the 2013 Nominating Committee:

Talene Jermakian (Springfield, MA)

Mary Keutelian (Greenfield, WI)

Lauren Piligian (Framingham, MA)

Alternate: Danielle Malconian (Cambridge, MA)

Adjournment and Benediction

Harry Kezelian (Southfield, MI) moved to adjourn the Assembly; the motion was seconded by Andrew Saganda (Fair Lawn, NJ) and passed. The Primate offered the benediction to officially close the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel Mrofcza (Chicago, IL)

2013 ACYOA General Assembly Chair

Melissa Mardoian (Palos Heights, IL)

2013 ACYOA General Assembly Co-Secretary

Christine Santourian (Detroit, MI)

2013 ACYOA General Assembly Co-Secretary

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ATTACHMENT A
2013 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DELEGATES/OBSERVERS

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ATTACHMENT B

-ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER – PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE AT A GLANCE -

TO DO THIS:	YOU SAY THIS:	May I interrupt the speaker?	Do I need a second?	Debatable?	Amendable?	What vote is needed?	Can it be reconsidered?
ADJOURN MEETING	"I move that we adjourn."	NO	YES	NO	NO	MAJORITY	NO
CALL AN INTERMISSION	"I move that we recess for..."	NO	YES	NO	YES	MAJORITY	NO
COMPLAIN ABOUT HEAT, NOISE, ETC.	"I rise to a question of privilege."	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO VOTE	NO (USUALLY)
TEMPORARILY SUSPEND CONSIDERATION OF AN ISSUE	"I move to table the motion."	NO	YES	NO	NO	MAJORITY	NO
END DEBATE AND AMENDMENTS	"I move the previous question."	NO	YES	NO	NO	TWO-THIRDS	NO
POSTPONE DISCUSSION FOR A CERTAIN TIME	"I move to postpone discussion until..."	NO	YES	YES	YES	MAJORITY	YES
GIVE SOMETHING CLOSER STUDY	"I move to refer the matter to committee."	NO	YES	YES	YES	MAJORITY	YES
AMEND A MOTION	"I move to amend the motion by..."	NO	YES	YES	YES	MAJORITY	YES
INTRODUCE BUSINESS	"I move that..."	NO	YES	YES	YES	MAJORITY	YES
--MOTIONS ABOVE ARE IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE							
PROTEST BREACH OF RULES OR CONDUCT	"I rise to a point of order."	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO VOTE	NO
VOTE ON A RULING OF THE CHAIR	"I appeal from the chair's decision."	YES	YES	YES	NO	MAJORITY	YES
AVOID CONSIDERING AN IMPROPER MATTER	"I object to consideration of this motion."	YES	NO	NO	NO	TWO-THIRDS	-
VERIFY A VOICE VOTE BY HAVING MEMBERS STAND	"I call for a division." or "Division!"	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO VOTE	NO
REQUEST INFORMATION	"Point of information."	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO VOTE	NO
RECONSIDER A HASTY ACTION	"I move to reconsider the vote on..."	YES	YES	-	NO	MAJORITY	NO
TAKE UP A MATTER PREVIOUSLY TABLED	"I move to take from the table..."	NO	YES	NO	NO	MAJORITY	NO
SUSPEND RULES TEMPORARILY	"I move to suspend rules so that..."	NO	YES	NO	NO	TWO-THIRDS	NO

ATTACHMENT C
2013 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Church, Providence, RI

MAY 23-24, 2013

AGENDA

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013

First Assembly Session

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

- I. Invocation
- II. Roll Call
- III. Introduction of Robert's Rules of Order
- IV. Election of Assembly Chair and Vice Chair
- V. Appointment of Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Parliamentarian, and Resolutions and Courtesies Committee
- VI. Adoption of Agenda
- VII. Acceptance of 2012 General Assembly Minutes
- VIII. Joint Report of the Central Council and Executive Secretary
- IX. Report of the 2012 Sports Weekend Committee
- X. Report of the Hand-in-Hand ACYOA/FAR Committee
- XI. 2013 Sports Weekend Committee Welcome

10:00 pm – Clergy and Delegate Reception

FRIDAY MAY 24, 2013

8:00 am – Breakfast and Morning Worship

Second Assembly Session

9:00 am – 10:45 am

- I. Roll Call
- II. Primate's Message / Small Group Work
- III. Recap of group discussion

Break – 15 Minutes

Third Assembly Session

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

- IV. Report of the Auditing Committee
- V. 2011 Financial Report
- VI. Elections
 - A. Central Council (3)
 - B. Nominating Committee (3)
 - C. Auditing Committee (3)

12:30 pm – 2:15 pm

Primate's Luncheon

Presentation of Awards

Group Photo

Fourth Assembly Session

2:15 pm – 3:45 p.m.

- VII. Elections (cont'd)
- VIII. New Business
 - A. 2014 Proposed Budget
 - B. Proposals
 - C. 2015 General Assembly/Sports Weekend Bids
 - D. Other

Break – 15 Minutes

Fifth Assembly Session

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

- IX. New Business (cont'd)
- X. Report of the Resolutions and Courtesies Committee
- XI. Passing the Banner to the 2014 General Assembly Committee
- XII. Adjournment and Benediction

ATTACHMENT D

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA - EASTERN

2012 ANNUAL CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT

The 2012 calendar year was one of hard work and grass roots efforts for the **Armenian Church Youth Organization of America – Eastern (ACYOA)**. At the end of 2012 the ACYOA had 24 official chapters throughout the Diocese. We aim to lead these young people closer to Jesus Christ using the Circles of the Cross (worship, witness, education, service, and fellowship). As the years pass, we play an increasingly pivotal role in keeping the Church and Jesus Christ present in the daily lives of our young adults. Comprised of primarily college-aged and young professionals, who are beginning to forge their own path, it is the ACYOA's responsibility under the auspices of the Armenian Church to encourage them to live out their faith. What the ACYOA set out to do in 2012 is just that, through the programs discussed in the report below

Central Council Meetings

The Central Council met four times during 2012. His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian was present for our March and June meetings. The Diocesan Vicar, the Very Rev. Fr. Simeon Odabashian and ACYOA Executive Secretary Nancy Basmajian were present at all meetings. Those meetings were held as follows: March 10 (Diocese), May 5 (Diocesan Assembly – Springfield, MA), June 9 (Diocese), and September 15 (Bayside, NY). Additionally, the ACYOA Central Council met at each of the national events it hosted.

Due to the rising cost of airfare, the ACYOA Central Council employed the use of more frequent conference calls, with an average of one call per month.

Fourth Annual Chapter Workshop

The ACYOA Central Council sponsored a Chapter Workshop for a fourth consecutive year in 2012. It took place on January 13-15 and was hosted by St. David Armenian Church in Boca Raton, FL. Thirty-five (35) participants representing 14 parishes attended the weekend. The theme of the program was *We're All in This Together*, a concept developed by the Central Council which sought to communicate a message of oneness, synergy, and partnership between each and every chapter. The workshop sessions were held at the parish and overnight accommodations were provided at the Hilton, Deerfield Beach, FL.

Regional Retreats

After an effort by the ACYOA Central Council to host a national Lenten Retreat in 2011 proved to be challenging, several smaller regional retreats were held during the 2012 Lenten and Easter season. This effort proved to be a better model and produced more fruitful results in terms of participation. Another benefit of regional retreats was that we were able to involve local clergy in each retreat and harness their collective wisdom. The theme of the retreats was *Vocations: The Call to Serve – Ministry of the Faithful*. The first retreat was held at Holy Martyrs Church in Bayside, NY on March 3, 2012. There were 28 participants from 4 local chapters and created a great energy for the retreats to follow. The second retreat was held at St. James Church in Evanston, IL on April 14, 2012. This retreat drew 17 participants from 4 local chapters.

Third Annual Alumni Ball

After a successful second year, the ACYOA Central Council chose to support a third annual Alumni Ball. The purpose of the event has always been two-fold: 1) to raise funds for the Central Council and the local chapter hosting the event, and 2) to engage alumni in today's ACYOA and facilitate a bond between its current and former members. The Alumni Ball was held on February 11 and was co-hosted by the ACYOA Central Council and the St. Mary Church ACYOA of Washington, DC. The event drew 60-65 people, which was lower than

anticipated due to inclement weather conditions. As a result of the low attendance and higher than anticipated expenses, the ACYOA incurred a net loss for the event.

Leadership Conference

Year after year the Leadership Conference has proven to be the most exciting and energetic program that the ACYOA offers. The 2012 weekend conference was hosted by the ACYOA Central Council at the Don Bosco Retreat Center in Stony Point, NY and was held from November 9-11. The theme of the weekend conference was Faith Literacy for Young Leaders and focused on understanding the content of our faith and the importance of personal spirituality. The conference was attended by 42 participants representing 16 parishes; in addition, several young members of the local Coptic Orthodox Church were present. The program was well received and evaluations were overwhelmingly positive.

Leadership Summit

On March 24, the ACYOA Central Council participated in the leadership meeting that convened at the Diocese. Almost all of the Diocesan organizations were represented. The program was designed to create synergy throughout the Diocese, foster relationships among auxiliary organizations, and create a united front doing the work of the Church. The meeting resulted from a suggestion made by the ACYOA Central Council to the Diocesan Council; both the ACYOA Central Council Chairman and Executive Secretary were involved in the planning.

ACYOA Day

Palm Sunday is the official ACYOA Day in our Diocesan calendar. The following Central Council members traveled to parishes throughout our Diocese to make presentations about the importance of ACYOA (April 1): Daniel Mantis – Framingham, MA; Karen Dardarian – Chelmsford, MA; Olivia Derderian – Bayside, NY; Alex Ouzounian – Dallas, TX; Armen Terjimanian – New Britain, CT; Adrienne Ashbahian – Watertown, MA.

General Assembly & Sports Weekend

The 2012 ACYOA General Assembly, held on May 24-25, and the Sports Weekend which followed on May 25-28, was hosted by the St. Gregory Church ACYOA Chapter of Chicago, IL. There were 81 delegates and observers from 23 parishes present at the General Assembly and 400 participants in the Sports Weekend.

ACYOA/FAR Partnership: Hand in Hand Subcommittee

After a successful first year, the ACYOA/FAR Hand-In-Hand Committee continues to promote the programs that it has set forth. Though unable to find any volunteers to intern at the FAR Children's Center in Yerevan this year, the Committee continues to seek young people who have an interest in serving the homeland and who can bring their educational experience to the center. Additionally, the HIH committee has facilitated the Skype-Pal Initiative, which connects ACYOA members to young Armenian children at the FAR Children's Center. Due to the time difference between Armenia and the United States finding participants has been difficult. An area where we were able to find success was to have group Skype calls with the children in Armenia and young campers at our two Diocesan camps.

Armenia Service Program

The Armenia Service Program (ASP) took place from June 29-July 19 with 20 young adults representing 10 parishes. The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, pastor of Holy Trinity Church in Cheltenham, PA, served as Director and Jacqueline Baydar of St. Gregory the Enlightener Church in White Plains, NY served as Assistant to the Director. Participants traveled throughout Armenia to learn about their homeland and grow closer to their Armenian Christian identity. The Central Council partnered with the Fund for Armenian Relief to coordinate the

service portion of the trip. Participants served at two FAR projects in the city of Gyumri: the Soup Kitchen for the city's seniors and the construction site of the Octet Music School.

Communication

The Central Council continues to use various methods of communication to reach out to its chapters and membership. Social Media continues to be one of our main forms of communication and allows us to stay current with our membership on a weekly and daily basis. We use Facebook and Twitter to promote our programming, attract visitors to our website, and to disseminate general information. We post prayers and Bible passages for people to read that are relevant to their lives today.

Our most consistent and effective form of communication is our monthly e-blast which we use to inform ACYOA members of future events and share the successes of our chapters. When necessary, we try to be proactive about sending e-blasts to communicate important information and news. Our statistics show that this has been an effective tool for us, with a higher than average open rate for similar organizations with a low bounce- back rate.

ACYOA Executive Secretary

The ACYOA Executive Secretary (Nancy Basmajian) directs and manages young adult ministry and works in unison with the ACYOA Central Council, local ACYOA chapters and the Department of Youth and Education. Responsibilities include preparing and equipping young adults for responsible and intelligent service to their local parish community and the larger Church, and providing opportunities/experiences that foster spiritual growth, faith development, Christian and Armenian literacy, leadership skills and meaningful relationships within the Church.

In 2012, the Executive Secretary was actively involved in all ACYOA administrative, programming and promotional initiatives. She attended all Central Council meetings; designed and coordinated programming that included the 4rd Annual Chapter Workshop for chapter leaders, the Regional Retreats, the Young Adult Leadership Conference, the Armenia Service Program and the Annual General Assembly. Other responsibilities involved working with colleagues in the Department of Youth and Education on various projects and coordinating the eight-week Diocesan/AGBU summer internship program.

In late 2012, we received word that Ms. Nancy Basmajian would be beginning to step down as Executive Secretary effective January 1, 2013. She will continue to serve as Executive Secretary of the ACYOA on a part-time basis until a suitable replacement is found to begin full-time. The ACYOA would like to extend its appreciation for all of her hard work in her 10 years serving as the Executive Secretary.

ACYOA Central Council Officers

January to May

Daniel Mantis (Chair), Karen Dardarian (Vice Chair), George Macarian (Treasurer), Armen Terjimanian (Secretary), Alex Ouzounian (Public Relations Coordinator), Olivia Derderian (Programming Coordinator), Adrienne Ashbahian (Chapter Relations Coordinator).

June to December

Daniel Mantis (Chair), Karen Dardarian (Vice Chair), Jonathan Pelaez (Treasurer), Ani Grigorian (Secretary), Armen Terjimanian (Public Relations Coordinator), Olivia Derderian (Programming Coordinator), Adrienne Ashbahian (Special Project Coordinator).

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Mantis, Chairperson

ACYOA Central Council

ATTACHMENT E

2012 Report of the ACYOA Executive Secretary

The ACYOA Executive Secretary directs and manages young adult ministry and works very closely with the ACYOA Central Council as well as with local ACYOA Chapters and the Department of Youth and Education. Responsibilities include preparing and equipping young adults for responsible and intelligent service to their local parish community and the larger Church, and providing opportunities/experiences that foster spiritual growth, faith development, Christian literacy, leadership skills and meaningful relationships within the Church.

Summary of 2012 Activities

Central Council Meetings: Attended the following Central Council business meetings:

- March 10 at the Diocesan Center, NYC
- May 5 during the Diocesan Assembly in Springfield, MA
- June 9 at the Diocesan Center, NYC
- September 15 at Holy Martyrs Church in Bayside, NY

In addition, there were several conference calls involving all or several members of the Central Council: January 3, 6, 9, 26, April 28, July 12, September 13, December 1, 22, & 29.

Programs: The Executive Secretary facilitated, coordinated, implemented, designed and/or participated in the following ACYOA events/programs:

- January 13-15 – 4th Annual ACYOA Chapter Workshop, St. David Church, Boca Raton, FL (35 chapter leaders from 14 parishes participated)
- March 3 – Regional (NY Metro) Retreat, Holy Martyrs Church, Bayside, NY (28 young people from 4 parishes participated)
- April 14 – Regional (Midwest) Retreat, St. James Church, Evanston, IL (17 young people from 4 parishes participated)
- May 24-25 – ACYOA General Assembly, St. Gregory Church, Chicago, IL (81 delegates/observers from 23 parishes participated)
- May 25-28 – ACYOA Sports Weekend, St. Gregory Church, Chicago, IL (400 young people participated in weekend activities of athletic competitions and social events)
- June 29-July 19 – Armenia Service Program; service at 2 FAR projects in Gyumri (20 participants from 10 parishes participated)
- November 9-11 – ACYOA Young Adult Leadership Conference, Don Bosco Retreat Center, Stony Point, NY (42 participants from 16 parishes participated)
- Hand-in-Hand ACYOA/FAR Partnership – attended meetings of the Hand-in-Hand Committee on March 6 and May 21

Administration/Communication

- Routinely drafting letters, forms, resources, etc. needed for the smooth operation of the ACYOA office and the implementation of Central Council programming; maintaining and updating files, leadership directory and database
- Maintaining regular communication (usually via electronic mail) with pastors and ACYOA leadership regarding programs and events
- Overseeing regular news releases on ACYOA and Central Council activities
- Prepared and sent Program Ideas to chapters for Fall and Winter seasons based on circles of the cross.

Non-ACYOA Activities:

- Diocesan Leadership Meeting, March 24, Diocesan Center: serving on planning committee
- Diocesan Summer Internship Program – Coordinated the Diocesan/AGBU Summer Internship Program at Diocese from June 19 to August 10; two young women served as interns in various departments of the Diocese
- Conducted mini-workshop on February 27 with Holy Trinity, Cheltenham, PA Parish Council on Diocesan lay ministry theme
- Taught at two St. Nersess Summer Conferences on topic of prayer: July 10 High School conference and August 13 Post-High School conference

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Basmajian

ACYOA Executive Secretary

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ATTACHMENT F
AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT
2012 ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL

The auditing committee has completed an audit of the ACYOA Central Council's revenue and expenses for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. The purpose of this audit was twofold 1) to determine if the ACYOA Central Council complied with its agreements and stayed within the guidelines of the 2012 budget and 2) to reconcile the bank statements with the central council treasurer's financial records.

The committee first focused their attention on the 2012 financial report showing the 2012 budget versus what was actually spent. It was noticed that there was more money spent than budgeted on «ASP-Present Year» and «Leadership Conference», 51,640 dollars vs. 50,000 budgeted and 3,125 dollars vs. 3,750 budgeted respectively. The treasurer explained that the amount spent was greater than the budgeted amount because participation for both ASP and Leadership Conference was higher than expected in 2012 (ASP had 20+ participants from 10 different parishes). It was also noted that the «Other Income» actual amount of 130 dollars was significantly lower than the budgeted 5,000 dollars. The treasurer explained that the income usually included in «Other Income» was put into more detailed areas (i.e. Parceled to «Donations» instead of «Other Income»). It is recommended that the current treasurer make a list of items to be included in «Other Income» in an effort to standardize what items are included in «Other Income» in the future. There was also more spent on chapter visits than budgeted for. The treasurer explained that a majority of the money was spent on CC traveling for Palm Sunday as well as a meeting in July in Providence RI to discuss this years Sports Weekend. The treasurer further explained as a result of spending over budget on chapter visits the CC successfully attempted to limit the expenditures for CC Meetings (i.e. more teleconferencing than traveling to a location when possible). Lastly, there was a significant amount spent over budget on «Fundraising Initiatives». The treasurer explained that the CC took a hit on the Alumni Ball which drove the expense above the budgeted amount. Also, 900 dollars of the total 6,934 dollars spent had been spent on the down payment for the FAR Art Auction (currently being rescheduled) which the Committee recommended be included in the «Standing Committee» section as the FAR/ACYOA is a standing committee of the ACYOA.

The committee next focused their attention to ensuring the checkbook was properly reconciled with the bank statements. No financial or transactional discrepancies were found between the bank statements and check stubs for the period January 2012 through December 2012. The committee would like to commend the treasurer for consolidating the three ACYOA accounts so that there is only one remaining, making book keeping and auditing easier. The committee would also like to thank the treasurer for recuperating some of the Monthly Maintenance Fees that the bank was charging to the account for having a balance less than a certain amount. After the treasurer spoke with the bank, not only was the account credited with some of the maintenance fees previously charged but the account will no longer be charged for maintenance fees in the future. This is a significant savings to the ACYOA as the bank had previously charged a maintenance fee of 18 dollars a month which adds up very quickly. The committee would lastly like to thank the treasurer for the improvements made to the excel spreadsheet as it now not only reconciles the bank balance with the spreadsheet's balance but is also something that future treasurers can use to effectively monitor cash flow throughout the year.

Every year, as a result of the audit, the committee has a few recommendations which they feel may aide both future auditing committees and Central Council members. The committee appreciates that the treasurer took last year's committee's recommendations to heart and modified the bookkeeping as suggested. The recommendations this year are just that, recommendations. It is ultimately up to the treasurer to determine what record keeping works best for them.

1. The committee requests that general assembly vote to change the «Income Surplus» line item on the budget to «Beginning Balance». After speaking with the treasurer, the committee and treasurer believe «Beginning Balance» would be a more accurate reflection of what the line item stands for.
2. The committee requests that the treasurer add a «Previous Years Actual» column to the excel spreadsheet so that the committee and members of the ACYOA viewing the financial data may be able to more clearly compare the current and previous year's expenses and income for analysis purposes.
3. For ease of auditing the committee requests the treasurer send the e-statements by email next year.

On behalf of myself, Sam and Krikor the auditing committee would like to thank the Central Council, specifically the treasurer Jonathan Pelaez, for their support during the auditing process.

Sincerely,

Eric Ashbahian

Samuel Mrofcza

Krikor Javardian

May 24, 2013

ATTACHMENT G

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian

Address: ACYOA Assembly—May 24, 2012

St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church, Providence, Rhode Island

Reverend Clergy, ACYOA Delegates, Friends:

I am so pleased to be with you at this annual Assembly of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, hosted by the ACYOA Central Council. It is always a special joy for me to spend these days here, among the rising leaders of our church.

Let me begin by offering my appreciation to all of you for being here, for being involved in the life of the Armenian Church. I welcome the presence of our Diocesan clergy, who are showing their support by being here today.

And I extend my appreciation for the leadership of Nancy Basmajian, the ACYOA Executive Secretary, who is retiring after many years of faithful service to our Diocese. God bless Nancy and her devoted labor in the vineyard of our Lord.

Our host parish—the Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Church of Providence—Fr. Shnork, the area ACYOA chapter, and the hard-working organizing committee, have again done a splendid job of organizing this event.

I especially want to thank the ACYOA Central Council, which has truly been an exemplary group of leaders this year. Please help me acknowledge the Central Council members for the splendid work they have done. God bless them, and may He strengthen their service to our church.

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We have been working at the Diocesan Center on ways to strengthen the church's outreach to youth and young adults. It is part of an ongoing commitment to keep our offerings to the new generation fresh and up-to-date, using the powerful resources of the present day to transmit the eternal faith of our heritage.

This month, we finalized the creation of a new **Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries**. The director is someone well-known to all of you—someone who, not too long ago, was participating in these assemblies as an ACYOA member and Central Council leader: Jennifer Morris.

Our intent in this department is to coordinate all of the Diocese's youth programs, and to better address the needs of the age groups they serve. We will be involving the Diocesan camp programs, regional and local retreats, pilgrimages to Jerusalem and Armenia, as well as the study programs at St. Nersess Seminary. We will involve ACYOA Juniors as well as Seniors. Over time, we will have a greater emphasis on outreach to college-age youth. And we want to create strong transitions between all these age groups: from school-age children, through young adults.

We feel that Jennifer's hands-on experience with camps and retreats, with both ACYOA Seniors and Juniors, with the Diocesan staff and the ACYOA Central Council, will help create natural linkages between our programs, creating a smooth transition between the diverse youth ministry offerings of our Diocese.

Above all, I feel that this new structure is going to provide even greater support to the ACYOA Central Council, and all our local chapters.

All of us are looking forward to moving ahead with the new Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, and to working closely with the Central Council and our local ACYOA chapters in the months to come.

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A few weeks ago, at our Diocesan Assembly, we took our first steps into a new theme for our Diocese: “Living the Gospel of Christ.” It’s a simple title—but a very exciting concept for me. In many ways, it represents the legacy that Thaddeus and Bartholomew brought to our homeland two thousand years ago: a way of life our people have followed throughout the subsequent generations.

Today I want to consider those words, “Living the Gospel of Christ,” for a moment.

Let’s begin with the word “Gospel.” It means “Good News”—in Armenian, “*Avedis*”—and indeed, it is great good news. As we say in the season of Christ’s birth: *Krisdos dzunav yev haydnetsav—tsez yev mez medz avedis*—“To you and to all of us together, the birth of Christ, his revelation among us, is great good news.”

For us, the Gospel is the store-house of the story of Jesus: our source for the words of wisdom and instruction he gave to humanity. They are words which have shaped the world as no other words before or since. They have influenced the lives of men and women, guided the paths of nations and peoples—including our own homeland.

Christ spoke to the entire world, and to the deepest part of man. And his words affected those things for the better.

In the days of his earthly ministry, the reaction to Christ’s preaching was widespread and astounding. Crowds came from every region to hear him. And while his words offered the deepest reflections on human life, whenever Christ spoke he did so in a way that everyone could grasp. Christ spoke to the lives of the people. His words came from the inner-most being of our Creator, and they addressed the deepest longings and questions of each and every one of us.

So that is what I mean by the word “Gospel”; but it’s only part of what I mean. For the words of our Lord were not only meant to be heard—whether two thousand years ago, or today. His Gospel was—and is—meant to be acted upon. The words of Jesus are alive—living—and that life needs to be expressed through us.

The Gospel lives in our everyday interactions with other people. It lives in our homes and workplaces. The Gospel is a gift to us, and a gift that needs to be opened by every generation of Armenian Christians—with all the intense excitement and anticipation of a young child opening gifts to celebrate the birthday of our Lord.

This brings us back to our theme, “Living the Gospel of Christ,” and to what I feel is the key word in that title: “Living.” I am reminded that the Incarnation of God itself points us to the importance of living. For we believe that God came into the world as Jesus Christ; that he walked among us—witnessed and experienced the challenges and troubles of human life, as well as its joys. He touched people from every walk of life, healed the hearts and bodies of those in pain, offered forgiveness to people who felt buried under the burden of sin.

His words were the outgrowth of a total way of life. And he asked us to follow him in the way he lived.

In Christ, God lived with his people—among his people.

And through the church he established, Christ still lives among his people today. That fact is the most important thing we have to understand, as members of the church: the Body of Christ on earth. We are the way that Christ acts in the world today. And we are the way the surrounding world encounters, and will come to know, our Lord.

So our focus this year will be about “Living the Gospel of Christ.” And by living the Gospel, I’m talking about a way of life that changes us, as individuals; but that also impresses something important and valuable on the lives of those around us: our families, friends, co-workers, neighbors, fellow parishioners—fellow citizens of this great society of America.

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In the most basic sense, “Living the Gospel” means recognizing who Christ is—and recognizing that there is a role for us to play in his mission. He invites us to draw near to him as disciples, but he also sends us out as apostles. “Go forth and make new disciples…” said our Lord in the Great Commission. “Go and tell others…” said the angel at the Empty Tomb. We are asked to take up this mission as believers who have stood with Jesus and accepted him into our hearts.

At the same time, this mission is accessible to everyone, and does not require extraordinary knowledge or virtue to undertake. “Living the Gospel” can often begin with a humble spirit of seeking, which brings us and others into a deeper, personal encounter with our Lord. That encounter is a doorway to a new path: a path that may lead us to familiar places—our homes, our churches—but that makes them new again because we have been changed by the miraculous revelation of Jesus Christ.

Of course, for all of us here, the Armenian Church is the stage upon which we take up Christ’s mission. Our ancestors created a rich tapestry of traditions and experiences in our church. And they created it all for you. They created it so you could recognize who Jesus Christ is; so you could follow him—and encourage your peers to do the same.

That is why the church is our most precious treasure here on earth: because it leads us to Christ. That is what makes the church valuable in our lives. All the activities we do in church—from performing the rituals to paying the bills—are important in their own ways. But if they are done without recognizing Christ, without the spirit of love he embodied, without a true Christian consciousness—then they are truly in vain.

And since I am addressing the young leaders of our Diocese, I want to add that each of you represents a precious resource to your parish. Each of you has the potential to shine Christ’s spirit into your home community: to live the Gospel of Christ in a way that will encourage and inspire others.

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“Living the Gospel of Christ” is a lifetime vocation—and each of us, in our personal lives, will experience it differently. The church offers many avenues for supporting and promoting the life-in-Christ among our people: through the *badarak*, through prayer, through music and the arts, through various kinds of service. All of these inform our daily lives, and help us to recognize Christ among us, and within us.

The cycle of celebrations we observe is another way to make the year holy, and trace the path of our Lord from season to season. In the Armenian Church we have five major feast days that guide and inspire us—that give us “sign posts” during our journey through the year.

Those five major feast days are how we’ve chosen to realize our theme for this year. The Diocese has been producing resources to use, to make these celebrations more meaningful. Most of all, they are intended to help us Live the Gospel by “living alongside” Christ through each of our great celebrations of his ministry.

- On **Christmas**, we will visit our newborn Lord in the manger, to see the miracle of God’s loving gift to the world.
- On **Easter**, we will stand before the Empty Tomb, waiting for the news of mankind’s salvation.

- On **Transfiguration**, we will climb with the disciples to witness Christ's full glory, and encounter his healing touch.
- On **Assumption**, we will honor our Lord's saintly mother, and express our thanks for the inspiration she gives to all of us.
- Finally, on **Exaltation**, we will stand with the apostles and saints of the church, to remember how Christ's holy cross has lit a path of compassion and mercy in the world.

Our Diocesan departments have been creating resources to help you live Christ's Gospel through each of these feasts. You'll hear about them shortly: they include resources for retreats and activities, as well as an exciting use of new technology. Our objective was to bring the story of Jesus to life through the seasons of every parish.

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As I said before, the key word for our theme this year is "Living." And we need your help to make this theme come to life for our people.

That is the spirit I want to see in our youth and young adult activities throughout this year. And in that effort, I have to say that we are truly depending on you, as young leaders of the church. With our Lord's help, I pray that each of you will emerge from this gathering as an apostle: as an advocate and messenger to your home communities, and to the surrounding society.

Most important of all, Christ himself will be the source of your strength and inspiration. Despite the changing realities of the world, one thing will never change: the human need to draw close to Jesus Christ. We will always need his healing; we need his words to guide and inspire us. We need his life within our hearts, within our communities. We will always need to "Live the Gospel of Christ."

With such thoughts, let us go forward with our program today. And may our risen Lord strengthen, inspire, and sustain us in the days and years to come.

ATTACHMENT H
2013 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Bible Study

Matthew 5:13-16

¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp-stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Bible Study Questions

1. How do I fulfill my calling as to be the “salt and light” in my school, workplace, neighborhood, and community? What tangible examples can I cite? How has my “saltiness and light” been received?
2. When have I found people to be most receptive to Christ’s words and works? Where is God currently using me to bear fruit for Him?
3. How can I make the world a place of light? Where do I experience the greatest darkness in my life: family, friendships or school? How can I bring the brightest light to shine in this darkest area?
4. Do people in my school and/or workplace know that I am a disciple of Jesus Christ? In what ways have I communicated this to those who know me? How have I failed to let people know where I stand in my relationship with Christ? What can I do to be more public about my faith in Christ?
5. Is the focus of my life to bring God glory? ¹⁶*In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.* (Mathew 5:16). How can I better live the Gospel of Christ in my daily life?

ATTACHMENT I DISCUSSION ON BEING CHRISTIAN

Assembly Chair Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) posed an open question to the floor concerning participation in Church activities. He asked if members feel they grow as Christians through their participation with ACYOA events. Sam inquired about whether Christian values are instilled in many types of events that are typical of the Armenian Church Community.

Harry Kezelian (Southfield, MI) mentioned that there is often a negative tone in relation to some activities that are more secular in nature (such as dances) due to incidents and poor behaviors that may occur. He emphasized however, that these negative incidents and the individuals responsible are certainly not the majority, and that Christian values and identity as Armenian Christians are fostered by fellowship activities.

Melissa Mardoian (Palos Heights, IL) explained how creating greater awareness of Christian values amongst participants may be an avenue to greater harmony. She mentioned that her own Christian knowledge was greatly enhanced by attendance at Retreats and Leadership Conferences and hoped to share that knowledge as a means of improving overall attitudes.

Nora Dulkadir (Chicago, IL) shared the opinion that a commitment to any activity must be made in faith, emphasizing that understanding that choosing to perform an action/behavior for the right reason is equally as important as the behavior itself.

Daniel Zalinov (Charlotte, NC) expressed his appreciation for the outpouring of unity displayed in previous comments, sharing that his parish's somewhat isolated location in the South is deeply moved by such a great show of unity.

Dimoteos Aznavourian (Providence, RI) said that any activity is only as good as to the extent it brings participants closer to the Orthodox Faith. He questioned the value of events that do not lead to preaching from the Gospel.

Crystal Densmore (Racine, WI) stated that a huge merit of the Armenian Church is the familial love created by all of its members. She expressed that the harmony of culture and faith is what leads us closer to Christ as we plan activities.

Assembly Chair Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) posed a question about living a Christian life through our actions and works. He mentioned that many non-Armenians can immediately tell that a member of the Assembly is connected to the Armenian culture and ethnicity by sight alone. Sam then asked if one's identity as a Christian is as readily seen.

Harry Kezelian (Southfield, MI) said that one would be able to tell if someone is a Christian by the way they act, explaining that if you understand your faith, you act differently, which is visible to others. Harry said that a growing problem is that many young leaders who attend more social events do not participate as enthusiastically in Christian oriented events. He suggested that future sports weekends should incorporate the clergy into more of the athletic events, citing that the Armenian Youth Federation includes an opening ceremony led by clergy.

Sam Mrofcza (Chicago, IL) mentioned an example where Fr. Garabed Kochakian (Detroit, MI) led a group in praying before a meal at a restaurant, saying that by doing so, others knew the table was full of Christians.

Melissa Mardoian (Palos Heights, IL) described her experience at the March 2013 Primate Retreat, explaining how it focused on the life of Jesus. She said she follows his example and incorporates it into her everyday life by focusing on small actions that help others, such as smiling and bringing positive energy to others.

Grace Bedoian (Racine, WI) acknowledged the significance of small acts of kindness. She said that we must strive to bring our faith through to others through our actions.

Jonathan Pelaez (CC Treasurer, Livingston, NJ) spoke about the importance of the supporters who help make events possible. He said that since a community of faithful supporters is necessary to organize an event like a bazaar or dance, Christian acts occur in the process of people coming together. He noted that they might be secular in nature, but that a sense of humility and Christian work are at hand.

Chelsea Kress (Fair Lawn, NJ) again highlighted the importance of individual acts of kindness, saying that it is easy to wear a cross simply to express faith, but concrete actions are what demonstrate it to others.

Gregory Torosian (Cambridge, MA) said that there Stewardship of the Church still occurs even when participants are not as active in events themselves, but help to make opportunities for others possible.

Fr. Krikor Sabounjian (Framingham, MA) mentioned that individuals who choose to be present at the Assembly are often more focused on expressing Christian values through their behavior. He questioned whether this select group acts differently once other Sports Weekend participants arrive, or if the group of delegates is the ones who influence the others who arrive.

Armen Terjimanian (CC Treasurer, Washington DC) referenced the practice of getting a Hajji in the Holy Land as a part of Witness since it opens up conversation about faith with others.

ATTACHMENT J
2012 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND COMMITTEE
REPORT

Introduction:

The 2012 ACYOA General Assembly & National Sports Weekend was hosted by St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church of Chicago, IL. The weekend was held in the heart of downtown Chicago from May 24-27 stationed at the beautiful SAX Hotel. The success of our weekend was attributed to the participation of the ACYOA and Diocese of the Armenian Church.

Committee:

Pastor: Very Rev. Aren Jebejian
Co-Chairs: Sam Mrofcza and Shant Paklaian
Treasurer: Gevorg Azizi
Ad Book: Karoon Panosyan
Events: Ani Grigorian, Lauren Sarkesian and Arda Paylan
Registration: Nora Dulkadir
Sports: Jessica Abezetian
Members: Mark Berberian, Melissa Mardoian, Krikor Paylan, and Arie Zakarian
Advisers: Michael Tootoian, Lorie Odabashian (Wynnewood, PA)

Overview:

Our committee did a great deal of investigation work around the city of Chicago prior to presenting our formal bid. We discussed the option of hosting the weekend downtown or in the suburbs. We gathered proposals at various venues, hotels and sporting complexes. Due to higher prices in the city, we knew it was going to be a challenge to keep costs at a minimum.

From the beginning our primary focus was to manage our cost, keep our events centralized and minimize transportation. Our committee wanted to instill the best possible Chicago experience for our members and in order to accomplish that it started with our hotel.

Objectives:

- Host the weekend in downtown Chicago
- Keep spending to a minimum
- Have a strong Ad Book that can support our expenses
- Get the Chicagoland community on board early to create hype
- Minimize transportation costs

- Make notable changes in the registration process
- Have an incident free weekend

Location:

There was a lot of discussion whether or not to host the weekend in the city or suburbs. Our committee would have had a better opportunity to manage our costs if we hosted in the suburbs. However, we knew that not hosting in the city would deprive our members from all Chicago had to offer. Through a lot of back and forth discussion with our Parish Council, we were able to come to an agreement that if we kept our expenses low, we would be able to host Sports Weekend in Chicago.

Hotel – Keeping within the guidelines set by the Central Council, we researched only boutique style hotels and hotels which we could maintain exclusivity. This was a challenge in the city because of higher room rates. However, our committee sought out an affordable hotel in perfect location, close to Michigan Ave and all the sights. We also remembered the success the 2010 Boston committee had not hosting any events in the hotel to lower potential incidents and consciously planned to omit events in the hotel.

Events:

We wanted to keep all of our events in a centralized location around the hotel to minimize transportation costs. This was difficult to do because the limited amount of places that could host our age restriction with our group along with being in a high profile area in the city. However we were able to utilize the 10pin bowling lounge connected to our hotel. This accounted for zero transportation costs for Friday night and allowed for people arriving late to the weekend to check in with ease and walk to our event. Then Saturday and Sunday night events were only 15 minutes away from the hotel which made easier traveling for participants.

Friday: 10pin Bowling Lounge

Saturday: The Millenium Knickbocker Hotel

Sunday: Alhambra Palace

Sporting: Windy City Fieldhouse

Zero Tolerance:

Downtown Chicago is notorious for enforcing strict guidelines on underage drinking. Most if not all of the venues we contacted would not allow anyone under 21 to even enter their establishment.

Our only option was to find venues that hosted as restaurants/hotels/lofts/amusements. This became difficult because not only do these venues typically host larger numbers than we anticipate, they are also more expensive. However, in the end we were able to seek out venues that could accommodate our group.

Our committee also wanted to enforce strict guidelines throughout the hotel. We hired off duty police officers to patrol the hotel in the evenings, added safety. This gave our committee a sense of ease knowing that they were around. It also reinforced our voice if we needed to implement any action. None of the members knew they were around and going forward, we would highly recommend this option to other committees.

Lessons Learned:

Items to Discuss	How it was done	Recommendation for future committees	What to do to reduce negative influence
Venue Contracts	We thought the final invoice was our last bill we would receive from one of our venues	Realizing that the catering contract took precedent over the final invoice	Assign someone with legal background to review all contracts when they're received
Ad Book Mailings	Mailings were not sent out until a year later	Draft your thank you letter to all donors before the weekend is hosted	Set a deadline to issue your copies to your donors at least 1 month after the weekend

Achievements:

1. The 2012 committee was able to take the registration process into the 21st century. We were the first to successfully implement a completely electronic registration process. As a result, we were able to process our data faster, minimize paperwork, and lower our information turnover time to the hotel.
2. We were able to cut one night of transportation costs
3. We hosted our delegate's reception at NAHA restaurant, one of the most prestigious restaurants in downtown Chicago
4. Being the second most expensive city in the Eastern Diocese we were still able to effectively budget our weekend and host one of the lower costs weekends in recent years
5. Incident free weekend

Conclusion:

Hosting Sports Weekend in Chicago was a great opportunity for our ACYOA. It has been 10 years since Chicago hosted Sports Weekend. This was also an opportunity for Chicago to include the surrounding Chicagoland ACYOA's on planning the event. As a result, we grew as a community and their participation strengthened our committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

The 2012 ACYOA Sports Weekend Committee

2012 General Assembly and Sports Weekend - Participation

Hotel Information	
Room Nights Sold	
Wednesday 5/23	3
Thursday 5/24	30
Friday 5/25	69
Saturday 5/26	70
Sunday 5/27	69
Total	241
Events	
General Assembly	
Clergy	13
Delegates	55
Total	68
Friday Night 10 Pin	280
Saturday Night Knickerbocker	264
Sunday Night Alhambra Palace	
Dinner	346
Dance only (18+)	45
Total	391
Registration Information	
Members	120
Delegates	55
Athletes	95
Clergy	13
Total Registered	283
Over 21	171
Under 21	99

2012 ACYOA Sports Weekend Financial Report

WEEKEND REVENUE/EXPENSES

A final report has not yet been submitted. Accounts are still open.

ATTACHMENT K

2012 ACYOA Financial Report

INCOME	2012 ACTUAL	2012 BUDGET
Armenia Service Program (ASP)	49,416.42	50,000.00
ACEF Interest	12,852.23	10,000.00
Income Surplus	20,989.50	14,750.00
Donations	10,500.00	2,000.00
Fundraising	5,211.00	2,500.00
Religious/Educational Programs	7,405.00	5,000.00
Sports Weekend Profit	0.00	0.00
Sports Weekend returned seed money	0.00	1,500.00
Interest Income	0.00	0.00
Other income	130.00	5,000.00
Dues	1,585.00	1,200.00
TOTAL INCOME	108,089.15	91,950.00
EXPENSES	2012 ACTUAL	2012 BUDGET
ASP - Present Year	51,640.00	50,000.00
ASP - Upcoming Year	3,125.00	3,750.00
Leadership Conference	8,343.62	7,500.00
Central Council Meetings	7,143.74	10,000.00
Chapter Visits/Contacts	3,990.03	1,500.00
Religious/Educational Programs	7,678.23	5,000.00
Newsletter	0.00	0.00
Standing Committees	26.75	1,500.00
Chapter Assistance Program	0.00	1,000.00
Conference Calls	0.00	0.00
Fund Raising Initiatives	6,934.67	1,500.00
Scholarships (ASP)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Sumr Prog scholarships	1,200.00	1,200.00
Sports Weekend Seed Money	1,500.00	1,500.00
Diocesan Assembly	1,678.96	750.00
General Assembly	3,158.18	1,500.00
Postage	89.00	0.00
Copies and Supplies	38.00	550.00
Website	1,548.00	2,000.00
Funds Rec'd/Returned	0.00	0.00
EMA Annual Fee	0.00	0.00
Jerusalem Patriarchate	1,000.00	1,000.00
Essay Contest	0.00	500.00
Miscellaneous	1,542.60	200.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	101,636.78	91,950.00

Period Ending: 12/31/2012

Armenian Endowment Fund

Account	Account Name	Avg Mkt Value	Principal/Book Value	Available Earnings	Distribution Amt
361	A.C.Y.O.A.				
003000.361	A.C.Y.O.A.	\$19,417.99	\$16,944.41	\$3,420.38	\$873.81
024000.361	Gregory Arpajian ACYOA Endowment Fund	\$11,227.74	\$9,775.47	\$1,999.71	\$505.25
073000.361	Acabe & Roxie Boomazian Fund Endowment Fund	\$2,871.50	\$2,500.00	\$511.51	\$129.22
130000.361	Heratch O. & Sonya Doumanian Endowment Fund	\$4,839.08	\$4,320.00	\$755.02	\$217.76
130100.361	Greta, John, Leo Doumanian Endowment Fund	\$1,445.03	\$1,666.66	(\$151.17)	\$65.03
293000.361	Edward & Helen Mardigian Endowment Fund	\$251,120.47	\$225,000.00	\$38,365.32	\$11,300.42

Period Ending: 12/31/2012

Armenian Endowment Fund

Account	Account Name	Avg Mkt Value	Principal/Book Value	Available Earnings	Distribution Amt
361F	A.C.Y.O.A.				
003100.361F	ACYOA Investment Fund	\$5,304.20	\$10,000.00	(\$4,498.56)	\$238.69
A.C.Y.O.A.... Total Distribution:		\$5,304.20	\$10,000.00	(\$4,498.56)	\$238.69

ATTACHMENT L

2013 ACYOA Central Council Award Recipients

SENIORS

Chapter "A" Award

St. Mary Armenian Church, Livingston, NJ

The Gregory Arpajian Award

Sam Mrofzca, St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church, Chicago, IL

The Sam Nersessian Award

Krikor Javardian, Holy Trinity Armenian Church, Cheltenham, PA

The Fr. Haigazoun Melkonian Award

Fr. Hovnan Demerjian, St. Hagop Armenian Church, St. Petersburg, FL

The Fr. Haroutiun and Yn. Patricia Dagley Award

Dn. Levon Altiparmakian, St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, New Rochelle, NY

JUNIORS

Chapter "A" Award

St. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church, Providence, RI

Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan Leadership Award

Hagop Toghramadjian, St. Sahag Armenian Church, Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN

Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan Vision Award

Ari Kazanjian, St. James Armenian Church, Watertown, MA

Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan Service Award

Ariana Ferraro, Armenian Church of the Holy Translators, Framingham, MA

ATTACHMENT M
2014 ACYOA Proposed Budget

INCOME	2009 ACT	2010 ACT	2011 ACT	2012 ACT	2013 BUDGET	2014 Proposed BGT
Armenia Service Program (ASP)	44,640.00	50,000.00	0.00	49,416.42	55,000.00	55,000.00
ACEF Interest	16,363.02	14,941.59	13,384.28	12,852.23	11,500.00	11,500.00
Income Surplus	13,948.35	0.00	13,611.87	20,989.50	15,500.00	15,500.00
Donations	1,950.00	12,720.00	10,500.00	10,500.00	3,000.00	4,000.00
Fundraising	0.00	1,330.00	1,014.00	5,211.00	2,500.00	3,000.00
Religious/Educational Programs	5,150.00	300.00	7,459.80	7,405.00	5,000.00	7,000.00
Sports Weekend Profit	0.00	3,719.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sports Weekend returned seed money	8,644.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Interest Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other income	2,620.00	12,353.95	8,255.25	130.00	5,000.00	3,000.00
Dues	1,610.00	1,100.00	1,250.00	1,585.00	1,400.00	1,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	94,925.59	96,464.84	55,475.20	108,089.15	100,400.00	102,000.00
EXPENSES	2009 ACT	2010 ACT	2011 ACT	2012 ACT	2013 BUDGET	2014 Proposed BGT
ASP - Present Year	47,428.34	53,341.00	3,125.00	51,640.00	55,000.00	55,000.00
ASP - Upcoming Year	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,125.00	3,750.00	3,500.00
Leadership Conference	6,850.47	17,267.29	8,437.51	8,343.62	8,000.00	8,000.00
Central Council Meetings	8,613.98	7,089.83	11,403.82	7,143.74	12,000.00	11,250.00
Chapter Visits/Contacts	352.66	0.00	540.84	3,990.03	2,500.00	2,500.00
Religious/Educational Programs	2,000.00	1,000.00	9,031.35	7,678.23	5,000.00	7,000.00
Newsletter	1,860.00	1,608.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Standing Committees	45.10	0.00	0.00	26.75	500.00	400.00
Chapter Assistance Program	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Conference Calls	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Raising Initiatives	708.79	164.98	3,691.90	6,934.67	1,500.00	1,500.00
Scholarships (ASP)	500.00	0.00	400.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Sumr Prog scholarships	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Sports Weekend Seed Money	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Diocesan Assembly	310.00	0.00	2,084.83	1,678.96	2,000.00	2,000.00
General Assembly	1,260.62	0.00	2,700.00	3,158.18	1,500.00	2,000.00
Postage	0.00	402.12	92.94	89.00	0.00	50.00
Copies and Supplies	498.50	377.30	70.89	38.00	200.00	100.00
Website	2,476.00	1,740.00	1,644.00	1,548.00	1,750.00	2,000.00
Funds Rec'd/Returned	0.00	18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EMA Annual Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jerusalem Patriarchate	1,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Essay Contest	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Miscellaneous	314.00	200.00	962.50	1,542.60	200.00	200.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	85,418.46	83,208.52	47,985.88	101,636.78	100,400.00	102,000.00

ATTACHMENT N
2014 ACYOA Approved Budget

INCOME	2009 ACT	2010 ACT	2011 ACT	2012 ACT	2013 BUDGET	2014 Approved BGT
Armenia Service Program (ASP)	44,640.00	50,000.00	0.00	49,416.42	55,000.00	55,000.00
ACEF Interest	16,363.02	14,941.59	13,384.28	12,852.23	11,500.00	11,500.00
Beginning Balance	13,948.35	0.00	13,611.87	20,989.50	15,500.00	15,500.00
Donations	1,950.00	12,720.00	10,500.00	10,500.00	3,000.00	4,000.00
Fundraising	0.00	1,330.00	1,014.00	5,211.00	2,500.00	4,000.00
Religious/Educational Programs	5,150.00	300.00	7,459.80	7,405.00	5,000.00	7,000.00
SportsWeekend Profit	0.00	3,719.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sports Weekend returned seed money	8,644.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Interest Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other income	2,620.00	12,353.95	8,255.25	130.00	5,000.00	3,000.00
Dues	1,610.00	1,100.00	1,250.00	1,585.00	1,400.00	1,500.00
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ASP - Upcoming Year	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,125.00	3,750.00	3,500.00
Leadership Conference	6,850.47	17,267.29	8,437.51	8,343.62	8,000.00	8,000.00
Central Council Meetings	8,613.98	7,089.83	11,403.82	7,143.74	12,000.00	11,250.00
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Newsletter	1,860.00	1,608.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Standing Committees	45.10	0.00	0.00	26.75	500.00	400.00
Chapter Assistance Program	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Conference Calls	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Raising Initiatives	708.79	164.98	3,691.90	6,934.67	1,500.00	1,500.00
Scholarships (ASP)	500.00	0.00	400.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Sumr Prog scholarships	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Sports Weekend Seed Money	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Diocesan Assembly	310.00	0.00	2,084.83	1,678.96	2,000.00	2,000.00
General Assembly	1,260.62	0.00	2,700.00	3,158.18	1,500.00	2,000.00
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Website	2,476.00	1,740.00	1,644.00	1,548.00	1,750.00	2,000.00
Funds Rec'd/Returned	0.00	18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EMA Annual Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jerusalem Patriarchate	1,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Essay Contest	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Miscellaneous	314.00	200.00	962.50	1,542.60	200.00	200.00
Nancy Basmajian Scholarship						1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	85,418.46	83,208.52	47,985.88	101,636.78	100,400.00	103,000.00

ATTACHMENT O
2013 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ELECTION RESULTS

Assembly Chair (vote for 1)

***Sam Mrofcza (St. Gregory the Illuminator Church, Chicago, IL) CHAIR**

Arthur Sabounjian (Armenian Church of the Holy Translators, Framingham, MA) **VICE CHAIR**

Central Council (vote for 4)

Erika Belezarian (St. Mark Church, Springfield, MA)

Nicholas Burdman (St. Leon Church, Fairlawn, NJ)

Alyne Corrigan (St. Stepanos Church, Elberon, NJ)

***Chelsea Kress (St. Leon Church, Fair Lawn, NJ)**

***Shant Paklaian (St. Gregory the Illuminator Church, Chicago, IL)**

Tamar Merjian (St. David Church, Boca Raton FL)

Matthew Royland (St. Leon Church, Fairlawn, NJ)

Greg Torosian (Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge, MA)

Liana Kurtjian (St. Gregory Church, White Plains, NY)

***Adrienne Ashbahian (Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Church, Wynnewood, PA)**

Harry Kezelian (St. John Church, Southfield, MI) **ALTERNATE**

***Daniel Zalinov (St. Sarkis Church, Charlotte, NC)**

Nominating Committee (vote for 3)

Alyne Corrigan (St. Stepanos Church, Elberon, NJ)

***Talene Jermakian (St. Mark Church, Springfield, MA)**

***Mary Keutelian (St. John Church, Greenfield, WI)**

Chelsea Kress (St. Leon Church, Fair Lawn, NJ)

***Lauren Piligian (Holy Translators Church, Framingham, MA)**

Peter Ounjian (St. James Church, Watertown, MA)

Alex Hachigian (St. John Church, Southfield, MI)

Crystal Densmore (St. Mesrob Church, Racine, WI)

Christine Santourian (St. John's Church, Detroit, MI)

Danielle Malconian (Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge, MA) **ALTERNATE**

Auditing Committee (vote for 3)

***Jon Simonian (Holy Cross Church, New York, NY)**

Melody Babakhanian (St. Sarkis Church, Dallas, TX) **ALTERNATE**

***Christine Santourian (St. John's Church, Detroit, MI)**

***Greg Torosian (Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge, MA)**

Tim Aznavourian (Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Church, Providence, RI)

Grace Bedoian (St. Mesrob Church, Racine, WI)

***elected**

ATTACHMENT P
2013 Resolutions and Courtesies Committee Report

1. Whereas His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of all Armenians, is a firm supporter of the youth of the Armenian Church and spends generous time with Armenian youth around the world, be it resolved that the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly extends its filial love, respect and wishes of good health to His Holiness. We, the members of the ACYOA, pledge our continued love and support to His Holiness and the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin and congratulates him on his 62nd birthday this year.
2. Whereas His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, our beloved Primate, has presided over the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly, and has provided immeasurable support for the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly, and whereas he continues to implement new programs and carries the torch of enthusiasm for the youth of our Diocese, be it resolved that the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly expresses its gratitude and appreciation for his love, patience, knowledge, insight, and guidance and congratulates him on his 62th birthday and 42th anniversary of his ordination.
3. Whereas this year marked the 98th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915, and whereas there were several commemorations of that day throughout the world this year, be it resolved that the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly prays that God continue to give strength and health to the survivors of that horrific day, as well as provide comfort to those families whose relatives perished.
4. Whereas the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan continue and lives are lost everyday, be it resolved that the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly prays that God strengthen and comfort the people of Iraq and Afghanistan, all of the troops working in those two countries, including many of our own Armenian American young adults who are serving in the armed services and fighting on both fronts, and the Spiritual Leader of the Armenian Faithful in Iraq, His Eminence Archbishop Avak Asadourian. May the Lord God protect and grant them peace.
5. We pray for the families that are currently suffering and have fallen victim to the attacks in Syria.
6. Further, we pray for all people, both Christian, Muslim, and all faiths, in harm's way, in Lebanon, Egypt, and all places where there are great upheavals.
7. Whereas many victims and families were affected by the severe and widespread damage that Hurricane Sandy caused in October 2012, be it resolved that the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly prays that the Lord continue to protect and strengthen the victims of this tragedy, and helps as they continue to rebuild their lives.
8. Whereas a mass murder took many innocent lives at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012, in Newtown, Connecticut, be it resolved that the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly prays that the

Lord God protect and grant all victims strength to get through this difficult time and restore the faith and safety of our children to witness a kind and loving world.

9. Whereas the two officers who were shot and killed, along with many other victims and their families that were affected by the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings that took place in Boston, Massachusetts on April 15, 2013, be it resolved that the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly prays that the Lord God may continue to bless and help these victims return to fulfilling and peaceful lives.
10. Whereas many families who have fallen victim to the tornado on May 20, 2013 in Moore, Oklahoma, be it resolved that the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly prays that the Lord God may continue to protect and grant them strength to get through this tragic time and help them put their lives back together.
11. Whereas May 28 marks the 95th anniversary of Armenia first being proclaimed an independent republic, and whereas on September 22, the Republic of Armenia will celebrate the 22nd anniversary of its renewed independence, be it resolved that the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly extends warm wishes to our brothers and sisters in Armenia, prays for peace and stability in its internal politics, and offers heartfelt prayers for the continued success of President Serzh Sargsyan.
12. Be it resolved that the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly extends heartfelt prayers to our brothers and sisters in Nagorno-Karabagh, Archbishop Barkev Martirosyan, Primate and President Bako Sahakyan, and all others in the world defending their basic human rights and right to self-determination.
13. Be it resolved that the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly extends heartfelt prayers to the newly elected Patriarch of Jerusalem, Archbishop Nourhan Manoogian and Constantinople Patriarch Archbishop Mesrob II Mutafian, as well as our brothers and sisters amongst the Diaspora around the world.
14. Be it resolved that the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly extends sincere appreciation to the ACYOA Seniors of Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Church, Providence, RI, including Rev. Fr. Shnork Souin, pastor, and the 2013 General Assembly and Sports Weekend Committee and advisers, for hosting the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend.
15. Whereas there were 13 clergymen present at this year's Assembly: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian, and Very Rev. Fr. Simeon Odabashian, Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian, Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian, Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian, Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian, Rev. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian, Rev. Fr. Garabed Kocharian, Rev. Fr. Vasken Koukouzian, Rev. Fr. Abraham Malkhasyan, Rev. Fr. Krikor Sabounjian, Rev. Fr. Shnork Souin, Rev. Fr. Vard Gyozyan. Whereas the ACYOA is an integral part of the Armenian Church; Whereas it is imperative that the clergy of our parishes support our youth in every endeavor, be it resolved that the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly delegates and the Central Council express their sincere gratitude to the clergy of the Armenian Church.
16. Be it resolved that the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly extends its heartfelt appreciation to Ms. Nancy Basmajian, Executive Secretary of the ACYOA, for her tireless efforts in furthering the ACYOA through Christ-centered youth ministry. We appreciate everything she has done for our Diocese. She has touched many, if not all of our lives and we pray that God may continue to bless Nancy.

17. Whereas the Department of Youth and Education serves as advisor to the ACYOA Central Council, be it resolved that the Central Council and the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly extends its sincere appreciation to Jennifer Morris, Coordinator of Youth Outreach, Nancy Basmajian ACYOA Executive Secretary, Elise Antreassian, Coordinator of Religious Education, and Gilda Buchakjian-Kupelian, Coordinator of Armenian Studies, for their hard work and dedication towards the youth of the Armenian Church.
18. Whereas new ACYOA Chapters continue to be formed in our Diocese, be it resolved that the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly pledges to assist all chapters in their endeavors, consistent with the teachings of the Armenian Church, and hopes to establish chapters in all parishes within our Diocese.
19. Be it resolved that the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly offers sincere appreciation to out-going Central Council members Daniel Mantis, Karen Dardarian, and Olivia Derderian as well as remaining Central Council members, Jonathan Pelaez, Ani Grigorian, and Armen Terjimanian, for their dedication to our organization and hard work on its behalf, and also extends congratulations to re-elected Council members Adrienne Ashbahian, as well as newly elected Council members, Shant Paklaian, Chelsea Kress, and Daniel Zalinov, and Alternate Harry Kezelian.
20. Be it resolved that the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly thanks the Central Council, and all the delegates and participants for attending and making this Assembly a positive and enlightening experience, and for their service in their respective parishes through the year.
21. Be it resolved that the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly extends its deepest gratitude to the 2013 ACYOA General Assembly Chairman, Sam Mrofcza, Vice-Chairman, Arthur Saboujian, General Assembly Secretaries, Christine Santourian and Melissa Mardoian, Sergeants-at-Arms, Aaron Derderian and Ronald Malconian, Parliamentarians Fr. Yeprem Kelegian and Harry Kezelian, as well as the Nominating and Auditing committees, for making this ACYOA General Assembly a true success.

Respectfully Submitted,

2013 ACYOA General Assembly Resolutions and Courtesies Committee