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# A Christmas Present

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***“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people’.”*** (Luke 2:10)

**O**n Christmas day God gave us the greatest gift of all: His only begotten son and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What can we do in return? What Christmas present can we give to God through His Son Jesus?

**In John 17:24 Jesus said, “Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.”**

In other words, for His Christmas present the Son of God wants us to be with Him. When our loved ones ask us what we want for Christmas, most of us have given the polite response, “Just being with you is the best present.” However, in Christ’s case, it is proven by scripture that this is the most important gift to Him. Remember that Jesus is the Christ and Christ Jesus died to be our Savior so we can be with Him. What more could He have done to prove that just being with us is the best present we could give Him?

Hard to imagine He could love us *that* much? He loves us more than you could ever fathom. **In John 17:23 Jesus said, “....May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”** There you have it. We are loved by God just as God loves Christ. Can you imagine love like that from our heavenly Father? It is true; it is in scripture and He is talking about all of us! If it were not true, why would Christ leave His heavenly throne suffer and die as He did to redeem us? It could *only* be because of His love for us.

What is our gift to Him in return? It is to turn to Him and accept that great gift He provided for us. He is the only way to salvation. He is the one to show us the way and deliver us from our sins. **“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”** (2 Chronicles 7:14). Then, we also take on His burden for others. This is why missions outreach is critical to us and your support makes it possible.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He came to call sinners to repentance and later died for our sins.

Christmas brings us a message. A message of hope and joy. Nothing that is precious to you need ever be lost and what is undesirable in your life can be changed. The power of change comes to us from God, we merely have to use it.

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“Krisdos dzenav yev haidnetzav, tzezi, mezi Medz Avedis.”  
(Christ is born and is revealed, good tidings to you and to us).**

# 86th Annual Meeting of the AMAA

Over 100 delegates, members and friends from around the world gathered in Fresno, CA during October 14-16, 2005 to participate in AMAA's 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and related activities. This year's events coincided with the 1600<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armenian Alphabet.

The Annual Meeting this year was hosted by our two Armenian Evangelical churches in Fresno – The First Armenian Presbyterian Church and the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church.

Many of the delegates were in Fresno ahead of time participating in the Board of Directors Meeting of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America (AEUNA) and the meeting of the Armenian Evangelical World Council.

On Friday afternoon, a special seminar was dedicated to the Anniversary of the Armenian Alphabet, with Rev. Dr. Manuel Jinbanchian presenting an interesting topic on the translation of the Armenian Bible.

The Board of Directors of the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) met on Friday, October 14, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. to consider various items on the agenda, review the activities of the Association and plan for the future. The Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, October 15, 2005 at the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church. The President of the Association, Dr. Hrair Aharonian, called the meeting to order. Delegates from Armenia, Canada, France, Lebanon, Syria and the United States were present. Reports from various committees, chapters, missions committees, affiliate organizations and instrumentalities were received with appreciation. The auditors presented the audited financial reports and the treasurer presented the budget for fiscal 2005-2006. Keeping up with the challenges, the Board had approved a budget of \$5.7 million dollars to support over 140 religious, educational and relief projects around the world.

During the meeting the names of those who were elected to the AMAA Board Class of 2008 were announced as follows:



*AMAA 86th Annual Meeting*



*Installation of the newly elected AMAA Board members and officers*

1. Harry Balukjian
2. John Cherkezian
3. Nurhan Helvacian, Ph. D.
4. Robert Messerlian
5. JeanMarie Papelian, Esq.
6. Alan Philiposian, Esq.
7. Gary Phillips, Esq.
8. Fred Simonian
9. Rev. Dr. Vahan Tootikian

Elections were through ballots sent earlier via mail to active members.

The delegates at the Annual Meeting elected four new members to the Nominating Committee as follows:

1. Nazareth Darakjian, M.D.
2. Peter Kougasian, Esq.
3. Rev. Mgrdich Melkonian
4. Rosette Tootikian

Mr. Michael Matossian, CPA, was elected independent auditor for the next fiscal year.

The highlight of the activities was the banquet that was held on Saturday evening at the First Armenian Presbyterian Church. Two hundred guests were present. The Master of Ceremonies was Gary Phillips, Esq. and the keynote speaker was George Phillips, Esq. both of Los Angeles, CA. Mr. Phillips' inspirational message was dedicated to the



## AMAA 86<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

Armenian Alphabet and the Evangelical Awakening.

Those present at the banquet paid tribute to four families and one individual for their genuine love for the Lord's work and their faithful support of the AMAA. Those honored were:

1. Mr. Krikor and Mrs. Katherine Bedrosian
2. Mr. Ernest and Mrs. Carlotta Bedrosian
3. Mr. Kenneth and Mrs. Jane Bedrosian
4. Mrs. Belle Ashodian
5. Mr. Albert and Mrs. Annabelle Darakjian

The Musical Program at the banquet was provided by the Mazmanians of San Francisco.

Sunday, October 16 was dedicated to worship service and praise to the Lord for making all these activities possible and for the vision and mission of the AMAA. At the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church, where most of the delegates gathered, Rev. Ara Guekguezian (of Fresno, host Pastor) and Rev. Gilbert Leonian (of France) gave inspirational sermons. AMAA Executive Director Andrew Torigian lead a Service of Remembrance for those members and friends of the Assosiation who went to join the heavenly audience. During the Worship Service, the newly elected Board Members and the officers of the Association were installed.

A worship service was also held at the First Armenian Presbyterian Church of Fresno with Mr. Peter Kougasian (of New York) and Rev. Joe Matossian (of Los Angeles) giving the sermons.

The 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and the related activities were a great occasion to thank God for His love and care, to express gratitude to those who support the AMAA and an opportunity to review, renew and plan future activities all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. □



*Rev. Rene Leonian, AMAA Armenia Representative, paying tribute to the Bedrosians (l to r) Jane & Kenneth Bedrosian, Krikor & Katherine Bedrosian and Carlotta and Ernest Bedrosian*



*Andy Torigian paying tribute to Belle Ashodian*



*Dikran Youmshakian presenting an Armenian Alphabet rug to George Phillips, Esq.*



*Albert & Annabelle Darakjian*

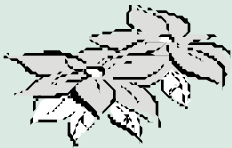
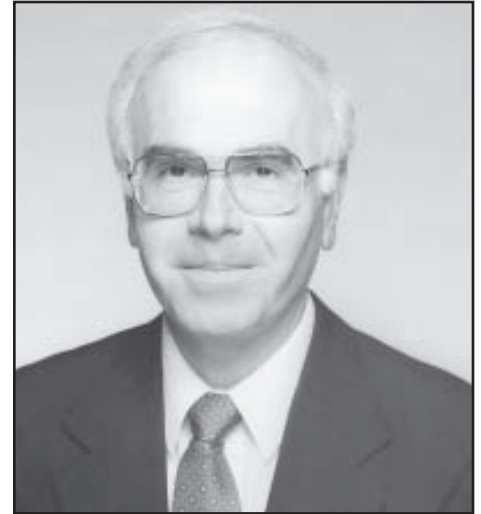
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## AMAA Board Re-elects Dr. Steven H. Aharonian President for a Second Term

The Board of Directors of the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA), at their meeting on December 10, 2005, unanimously re-elected their President, Dr. Steven H. Aharonian of Northridge, CA for a second term. Dr. Aharonian's effective service to and capable leadership of the Association were recognized. Both vice presidents, namely John Cherkezian of Englewood, NJ and Peter Kougasian, Esq. of Pelham Manor, NY, were likewise re-elected for another term. Other elected officers of the AMAA

were Aram Robert Minnetian of Park Ridge, NJ, Treasurer; David Hekemian of New York, NY, Assistant Treasurer; Harry Dulgarian of Belmont, MA and Gary Phillips Esq. of Los Angeles CA, Co-Recording Secretaries.

The AMAA is blessed to have a host of devoted and capable leaders serving the organization and the Lord with great enthusiasm and devotion. We thank God for these leaders and for all those who serve through their involvement in the Board or various committees.



### A Christmas Lesson

by  
Tom Krause



"Is there a purpose? Why are we here?"  
A little boy asked as the yuletide drew near."  
I really do hope that someday I will know  
the reason we stand out here in the snow,  
ringing this bell as people walk by,  
while thousands of snowflakes  
descend from the sky.

"The mother just smiled at her shivering son  
who would rather be playing  
and having some fun  
but soon would discover  
before evening was done  
the meaning of Christmas  
the very first one.

The young boy exclaimed,  
"Mother where does it go?"  
"All the pennies we collect  
- every year in the snow."

"Why do we do it? Why do we care?"  
"We worked for these pennies,  
so why should we share?"

"Because once a baby - so meek and so mild  
was born in a manger - so humble the child  
the son of a King - was born in this way  
to give us the message He carried that day.

"The present God gave the world on that night,  
was the gift of his son  
to make everything right.  
Why did he do it? Why did he care?  
To teach about loving and how we should share."

"The meaning of Christmas,  
you see my dear son,  
is not about presents or just having fun  
but the gift of a father  
- his own precious Son  
so the world would be saved  
when his work was all done"

Now the little boy smiled - with a tear in his eye  
as snowflakes kept falling from out of the sky -  
rang louder the bell as the people walked by  
while down deep in his heart at last he knew why.

# Armenian Evangelical World Council Meets in Fresno

## Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian

The 2005 annual meeting of the Armenian Evangelical World Council (AEWC) was held in Fresno, California, on October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. The meeting had two sessions; the first was hosted by the First Armenian Presbyterian Church on October 13, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., and the second was held at Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church, on October 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Reports were presented by the following representatives of the seven constituent Church Unions and organizations: The Rev. René Léonian of the Evangelical Church of Armenia and Eurasia; The Reverends Bernard Guekguezian and Joseph Matossian of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America; The Reverends Joel Mikaelian and Gilbert Leonian of the Armenian Evangelical Union of France; The Reverends Megerdich Karagoezian and Haroutune Selimian of the Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East (AECNE); Dr. Steven H. Aharonian and Mr. Andrew Torigian of the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA); Mrs. Joyce Philibosian-Stein of Stephen Philibosian Foundation (SPF), and Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian, the Executive Director of the Armenian Evangelical World Council (AEWC).

Although Treasurer Albert Momjian, Esq. was unable to attend the meeting, he had mailed in advance AEWC's financial report, which was accepted with thanks.

The meeting reviewed, evaluated and acted upon some items of old and ongoing business. It registered with appreciation all activities and observances of the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide during the current year, particularly the assignment entrusted to the President and Executive Director relative to the Armenian Cause; the publication of Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian's latest book on behalf of AEWC entitled **Pioneer Armenian Evangelical Clergymen and Their Successors From 1880 to 1950**; the Executive Director's services, on behalf of the Council, in the realm of the Armenian Evangelical Library and Archives; the recommen-



*Seated (l to r) Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian, Rev. Joel Mikaelian, Mrs. Joyce Philibosian Stein, Rev. Bernard Guekguezian. Standing (l to r) Rev. Haroutune Selimian, Rev. Megerdich Karagoezian, Rev. Dr. René Léonian, Mr. Andrew Torigian, Dr. H. Steven Aharonian, Rev. Gilbert Léonian, and Rev. Joseph Matossian. (Missing from the picture) Mr. Albert Momjian, Esq.*

dation of AMAA Board to add to its By-laws a clause to include the name of AEWC's Executive Director as Ex-officio member, and a progress report on the recruitment of pastoral candidates.

Under new business, the following items were discussed and acted upon:

- 1. The Outreach Ministry of the Armenian Evangelical Fellowship of Europe** to the unchurched Armenians in Europe, particularly in such countries as Germany; the Netherlands, and some eastern European countries.
- 2. Possible Relocation of the Armenian Evangelical Library and Archives**, presently housed at the former headquarters of AMAA (140 Forest Ave., Paramus, NJ).
- 3. Evangelism in Armenia and Diaspora.** Evangelism, being the privilege and the duty of the Armenian Evangelical Church (AEC), should continue to be its first priority, ever mindful of Christ's "Great Commission."
- 4. An Armenian Evangelical Encyclopedia.** The proposal of the publication of

an Armenian Evangelical Encyclopedia in the Armenian language had been discussed in years past; the issue was further discussed and valuable suggestions were made.

**5. Relocating the office of the Executive Director.** In view of the fact that the Executive Director has retired from active parish ministry, he proposed that his office be relocated to his residence and the necessary arrangements be made.

**6. Strengthening the sense of National Identity and Cultural Heritage of Some Diasporan Armenian Evangelical churches.**

**7. Proclaiming the year 2006 a Jubilee year**, being the 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Armenian church, Jubilee Year.

**8. To extend the Council's appreciation to both First Armenian Presbyterian and Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Churches for playing host to the meetings of AEWC.** □



## The Armenian Evangelical Church of Toronto Celebrates 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armenian Evangelical Church of Toronto was celebrated during a banquet on Saturday, November 12, 2005 at the Rev. Movses B. Janbazian Hall of the church. 220 guests were present.

The church in Toronto was established in 1960 when Armenian immigrants in the city with the help of the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) purchased a small building on 34 Glenforest Road. In the following years as the church grew in membership, two adjacent properties were also purchased, one serving as the parish house and the other for Sunday School.

In 1998 a dream came true when the church moved to its new location and constructed a new building with traditional Armenian architecture.

The Master of Ceremonies at the banquet was Dr. Ani Hasserrjian who in her welcoming remarks also reminded us that the year 2005 coincides with the 1600<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armenian Alphabet.

Participating in the program of the evening were the church choir with Director Mr. Berj Panossian and pianist Mrs. Marita Panossian; the youth and the Sunday School children; the pastor Rev. Sam Albarian with his prayer and message; Rev. Yesayi Sarmazian with his encouraging welcoming remarks to the new pastor; Mrs. Tamar Albarian with a piano solo; and a special guest from Providence, Rhode Island: Mezzo Soprano Mrs. Kohar Manjelijian with her beautiful Armenian pieces.

The keynote speaker at the banquet was Mr. Dikran Youmshakian, the Field Director of the AMAA. In his message, he reminded those present of three of the qualities that church members should be mindful - respect, compassion and humility. He pointed out that an anniversary celebration for a church would be meaningless unless we consider it an opportunity to reexamine ourselves. Jesus should be the example to follow and Jesus showed respect to all, was compassionate and was the humble Son of God.



*Representatives of the different generations of the church around the birthday cake (l to r) Meerna Khatcherian representing the youth, Mrs. Loucine Postalian and Mr. Khatchig Balabanian - founders of the church, Rev. Solo Nigoghossian - the first Pastor of the church, Rev. Yesaie Sarmazian - the newly retired Pastor, Rev. Samuel Albarian - the current pastor and Garen Hasserrjian representing the Sunday school students.*

The moderator of the church Mr. Dikran Kalaydjian took a moment to thank all those who faithfully served the church including the pastors, members of the committees and also those who organized this event. He presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Simon Sevgian who was recognized for the services he provided filling the pulpit between the time when the pastor Rev. Yessayi Sarmazian retired until the arrival of the new pastor Rev. Sam Albarian.

Rev. Albarian in his message thanked God for this new opportunity of service. He invited Rev. Sarmazian to serve as Pastor Emeritus of the Church.

The banquet anniversary cake was cut with the help of all pastors that served the church including the first pastor, Rev. Solo Nigoghossian. A special video presentation gave the history of the church with pictures and narration.

The eventful night ended with the singing of the Hayr Mer. □



*Dikran Youmshakian, AMAA Field Director Delivering his message.*

## Haigazian University Board of Trustees Meets in Los Angeles

On October 21 & 22, the Haigazian University (HU) Board of Trustees met at the United Armenian Congregational Church of Los Angeles for their semi-annual meeting. This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of HU and many functions have taken place in Lebanon and in the United States to celebrate its Golden Anniversary. As part of this celebration, the HU Women's Auxiliary of LA made a special donation of \$50,000 on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the University. Furthermore, on December 7, 2005, the Women's Auxiliary will host a gala event at the Sheraton Universal featuring Ambassador Edward Djeredjian. □



## Henry & Anahis Derian Donate \$500,000 To Haigazian University

In the largest single donation of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Haigazian University, Mr. & Mrs. Henry and Anahis Derian of Pasadena, California have announced that they are making a \$500,000 gift to the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) for Haigazian University, in particular for its future building needs and Armenian Library.

To honor the Derians for their generous gift, the Haigazian University Board of Trustees has authorized the naming of the Armenian Library of the university as the Derian Library. The Armenian Library, with its rich collection of rare 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century books and contemporary collections, currently contains 32,600 volumes, including 5,860 volumes of bound periodicals.

"Most meaningful in this donation," said Haigazian University President Paul Haidostian "is the commitment of the Derians to the core values of Haigazian University and its founders. We are proud and grateful that the general appreciation of the American Armenian community to Haigazian University continues to be translated into concrete support of its future plans, academic aspirations and building projects. We at Haigazian remain committed to serving our young generations in their quest for growth and excellence."

The President added, "The Derian donation will further strengthen the AMAA's fifty-year support of and commitment to the mission of Haigazian University and the pivotal role it plays in higher education in the Middle East. □



*Haigazian University Board of Trustees (l to r) John Sagherian, Joe Zeronian, Ed.D., J.B.M. Kassarian, Ph.D., Ropovt Chorbajian, M.D. Steven H. Aharonian, M.D. Herair Mouradian, Mark Kassabian, D.M.D., Rev. Megrdoch Karagoezian, Rev. Dr. Manuel Jinbachian, Sossy Balian, Andy Torigian, Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian, Joyce Stein, Ani Darakjian, M.D., Rev. Dr. Cargegie Calian, Rita Meneshian, Nabil Ekmekji, Hrayr Jebajian, George Phillips, Esq and Albert Momjian, Esq. (above)*

*Some of the members of Haigazian University Women's Auxiliary of LA presenting \$50,000 check to Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian, President of the University on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the University. (l to r) Ida Levi, Sirvart Mouradian, Maggi Matossian, Joyce Stein, Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian, Joyce Abdulian, Silva Marounian and Julie Aharonian.*



## Christmas In October

By the time this article is printed and read, over twenty five thousand children in Armenia, Karabagh and Georgia will have experienced once again the real joy of Christmas, thanks to the "Christmas in October" event in Englewood, NJ. The AMAA Armenia Summer Camp and Christmas Committee has made a tradition to celebrate Christmas in October every year, in order to raise support for Christmas programs in our homeland.

The 17 members of the Committee once again worked hard to plan this year's event which was held on October 6, 2005 at the Englewood Women's Club in Englewood, NJ with over 100 guests attending. The event was chaired by the Co-chair of the Committee Mrs. Lucienne Aynilian.

The program included welcoming words by Lucienne Aynilian, greetings by the AMAA Executive Director, Mr. Andy Torigian, prayer by Rev. Berj Gulleyan, pastor of the Armenian Presbyterian Church of Paramus, NJ and an update on Armenia by AMAA Field Director Dikran Youmshakian, who thanked those present for their generous support and for their love and care towards our children in Armenia.

A special recognition was presented to one of the veteran members of the committee, Mrs. Marie Manougian. The National Chair of the committee, Mrs. Lucy Janjigian, in her words of appreciation, recognized Mrs. Manougian's unique service as a faithful member of the committee. Mrs. Manougian not only had served on the Committee for many years but also was in charge of the Knitting Program. Through her efforts, thousands of hats, scarves and mittens were knitted and were distributed, bringing love and much needed warmth to our needy children in Armenia.

After lunch, those present enjoyed an audio-visual presentation prepared and presented by Elbiz Baghdikian and Louisa Janbazian.

Over 30 donors had sent items for silent auction which were purchased for over the value of the items to support our children. The event was much appreciated as over \$15,000 was raised and 100 percent was used to buy Christmas Joy packages for children in Armenia.



*The honoree, Mrs. Marie Manougian flanked by (l to r) Lucy Janjigian, National Chair of the Committee and Lucienne Aynilian and Elbiz Baghdikian the co-chairs of the committee (above). Some of the Summer Camp/Christmas Committee Members (below).*

The joy of a true Christmas comes through sharing God's love with others in need. This is what the AMAA Armenia Summer Camp and Christmas Committee does each year. Those willing to support or participate in this program can send their donations to the AMAA or contact the AMAA office. □

## Haigazian University Recognized 50 Year Partnership With AMAA

Last month, Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian, President of Haigazian University in Beirut Lebanon, visited the Haigazian University office at the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) Headquarters and he presented to Mr. Andy Torigian, Executive Director of the Armenian Missionary Association of America, a plaque in recognition of the 50 year partnership of the Armenian Missionary Association of America with Haigazian University in providing generous financial assistance to deserving students.

Rev. Haidostian is making his final rounds in the United States in the Fundraising Appeal on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Haigazian University. Haigazian University currently has 800 students enrolled, more than half of these students are Armenians, in keeping with the tradition of Haigazian University. Haigazian University has never turned away a qualified Armenian student due to financial considerations and this is due to scholarships provided by the AMAA. The final tally of the funds raised will be completed early next year. In the meanwhile, all those who are still contemplating giving to Haigazian University should take this opportunity to send in their tax-deductible donation this year to the AMAA. □



*Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian and Andy Torigian.*

## His Holiness Aram I Visits The First Armenian Presbyterian Church of Fresno

On Wednesday, October 12, His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, accepted an invitation to address and pray with the congregation of the First Armenian Presbyterian Church of Fresno during his visit to the East Coast in mid October. He was then hosted at a special reception given in his honor by the Armenian Evangelical Community. □



Andy Torigian with His Holiness Aram I (above). (l to r) Rev. Megerdich Karagoezian, President of the Union of the Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East; Rev. Karl Avakian, former Minister to the Union, Armenian Evangelical Union of North America (AEUNA); Rev. Vahan Tootikian, Executive Director of Armenian Evangelical World Council; Rev. Bernard Guekguegian, Moderator of the AEUNA; His Eminence Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian of the Western Prelacy; His Holiness Catholicos Aram I from the Great See of Cilicia; Rev. Mgrdich Melkonian, former Moderator of AEUNA; Rev. Joe Matossian, Minister to the AEUNA; Andy Torigian, Executive Director of the AMAA; Rev. Hagop Manjelian; Phil Tavlian, Esq., Clerk of AEUNA; Rev. Mher Khatchikian, President of Armenian Missionary Association of Canada.

## The leadership of the Armenian Evangelical Church of Chicago meets with His Holiness Aram I

The Armenian Evangelical Church of Chicago (AEC) had a joint service with the All Saints Armenian Apostolic Church of Chicago on Sunday, October 30. The following day three representatives of the church had a visit with the Catholicos and discussed opportunities of ecumenical activities. □

(l to r) Archbishop Khajag Hagopian, Prelate, Armenian Prelacy of Canada; David R. Hagopian, Moderator, AEC and Board Member, Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA); Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate, Armenian Prelacy of the Eastern United States; His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia; Rev. Samuel Agulian, Pastor, AEC; and Fredrick P. Simonian, Chairman, Board of Trustees, AEC, Board Member, AMAA and Board Member, Armenian Evangelical Union of North America.





## Hagop Loussararian Honored at Retirement Banquet

Approximately 500 people attended the retirement banquet of Hagop Loussararian that was organized under the auspices of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America (AEUNA) and the Armenian Evangelical Social Service Center (AESSC).

The purpose of the banquet was to honor Hagop for over 40 years of distinguished service he had rendered to the Armenian community in Lebanon, Southern California, and Armenia as educator, school principal, executive director, astute business-



*Hagop Loussararian with Dr. Steven H. Aharonian, President of AMAA (l) and Andy Torigian, Executive Director of AMAA (r).*

man, founding board member of educational institutions, supporter of many charitable organizations, and a prominent community leader. The event took place on Sunday, October 23, at 6:00 p.m. at the banquet hall of the Brandview Collection in Glendale, CA.

Representatives of affiliated organizations and friends took part in the program with words of appreciation and congratulations for a well deserved honor bestowed upon Mr. Loussararian on his retirement from active service. □

## Rev. Balabanian Installed as the Pastor of Calvary Armenian Congregational Church of San Francisco

On Sunday, October 16, 2005, Rev. Nerses Balabanian was installed as the minister of the Calvary Armenian Congregational Church of San Francisco, CA. As it coincided with the AMAA's 86th Annual Meeting, which took place in Fresno, CA, a number of ministers and guests participated and attended the installation service. Mr. Andy Torigian represented the AMAA as its Executive Director and highlighted the life and service of Rev. Balabanian, prior to his coming to San Francisco.

Rev. Balabanian was born and raised in Aleppo, Syria, and received his primary education in the Armenian schools of Aleppo. Later, for his undergraduate studies he attended Kansas Wesleyan University



*(l to r) Sevan and Rev. Nerses Balabanian, Andy Torigian, Rev. Vahan & Rosette Tootigian.*

majoring in music and minoring in religion. He, then attended the Near East School of Theology and Southern Methodist Uni-

versity of Texas, and graduated with a Master of Divinity Degree.

In Lebanon, Rev. Balabanian had served as Youth Director for two years and later as pastor of the Armenian Evangelical Church of Anjar for nine years and the Emmanuel Armenian Evangelical Church of Nor Amanos for six years.

Rev. Balabanian is the founding member of the Nor Yerck Christian musical group which has ministered throughout the World, In addition, he was also the Musical Director of Armis, the Armenian Evangelical Joint Choir and the Haigazian University Choir.

Rev. Balabanian is married to Sevan and they have two children, Nanor and Azad. □



## Armenian Bibles Published on the Occasion of the 1600th Anniversary of the Armenian Alphabet

On the occasion of the 1600th Anniversary of the Armenian Alphabet, the Armenian Missionary Association of America has reprinted the 2001 large edition of the Western Armenian Bible (Old and New Testaments), in medium size (6 by 9). The newly printed Bibles are in hard and soft covers, as well as leather bound, all in black and white colors. The price of the soft cover is \$20.00, the hard cover is \$25.00 and the leather bound is \$ 40.00.

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Հանդիման կը հաղորդենք մեր ընթերցողներուն, թէ Հայ Գիրերու Գիւտի 1600-ամեակին առիթով, Հայ Աւետարանչական Ընկերակցութիւնը վերահրատարակած է 2001-ի մեծատիպ Աստուածաշունչերը՝ միջակ չափով՝ լաթակազմ, կարծ կողով եւ կաշեկազմ, սև եւ գերմակ կողմի գոյներով: Լաթակազմ կողով Աստուածաշունչի գինը \$20.00 է, կարծ կողովը \$25.00, իսկ կաշեկազմը \$40.00:

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## Pioneer Armenian Evangelical Clergymen in America

By The Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian

(Excerpts from Robert Kachadourian's book review)

***Pioneer Armenian Evangelical Clergymen in America and Their Successors from 1880-1950.*** By Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian. 304 pages. Notes. References. Bibliography. Index. Published by Armenian Evangelical World Council and Armenian Heritage Committee .

In Webster's Dictionary, a pioneer is defined as "one who opens up or prepares others to follow; to originate or take part in the development of something new."

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It is no great secret that we have a great heritage. It is hoped Dr. Tootikian's **Pioneer Armenian Evangelical clergymen** will be used by many, not only as servants of God but a people ready to learn more about themselves.

Those who wish to purchase a copy of this book, please refer to the Book list on page 13 and the order form on page 14.



NOR YERK RELEASES NEW RECORDING

(28 Nov. 2005 - Beirut, Lebanon) The latest recording of the Armenian Christian musical group, "Nor YerK," has been newly released in Beirut.

"This Is My Story" (Bidi Badmem), a compilation of beloved hymns in Armenian, redone in modern and creative arrangements, features the vocal stylings of Miss Houry Apartian. The songs depict themes of praise, encouragement, surrender and faith.

Sometimes calm and meditative, other times powerful and majestic, the selections present an assortment of solo instruments, choral sounds and children's voices. Instrumental touches include the Armenian duduk, jazz alto saxophone, Latin-style flute, and classical cello.

Well-known tunes, such as "Fairest Lord Jesus," "How Great Thou Art," and "When I Survey the Wond'rous Cross," sung in Armenian, are presented in the arrangements of the Rev. Nerses Balabanian, founder of "Nor YerK", and Hrag Karagoezian.

Debuting to an audience of youth, clergy, and friends at a November 12th gathering in the auditorium of Haigazian University, the CD is now on sale for \$10 US. A cassette release of this album is currently being produced, and the group is preparing for a series of concerts in Syria and Lebanon next spring.

Those interested in purchasing the CD, "Bidi Badmem," please see the Book list on page 13 and the order form on page 14.

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Աստուած ալ երբ տեսաւ, թէ մարդ արարածը դժուար կացութեան մատնուած է (մեղքին պատճառով), սիրտը շարժեցաւ եւ մեզ սիրելուն համար՝ տուաւ Իր Միածին Որդին, Որուն Սուրբ Ծնունդը կը յիշենք այս օրերուն:

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Յիսուս Քրիստոս, իր կարգին, իր կեանքը տուաւ գոհողութեամբ, սակայն ուրախութեամբ: Յիսուսի տառապանքը խաչին վրայ գոհողութեան ամենամեծ օրինակն էր, եւ սակայն Քրիստոս ուրախ էր գիտնալով, թէ Խաչը պիտի ըլլար մարդ արարածին փրկութեան միակ ճամբան:

Մենք որպէս Քրիստոսի հետեւորդներ, առաջնորդուելու ենք տալու, թէ՛ սիրով եւ թէ՛ գոհողութեամբ: Այդ մէկը ընել կարենալու համար, նախ տալու ենք մեր սիրտը Աստուծոյ: Միայն այն ատեն է, որ տալու մեր գոհողութիւնը կը լեցուի ուրախութեամբ եւ թէ՛ Աստուած կ'ուրախանայ եւ թէ՛ մենք:

Ծնունդի մեր ակնկալութիւնները շատ անգամ կապուած կ'ըլլան մեր ստացած նուէրներու որակով ու քանակով: «Ծնունդը շատ օրհնաբեր էր այս տարի» կ'ըսեն անոնք, որոնք զանազան նուէրներ կը ստանան: Ծնունդը սակայն, աւելի կապ ունի տալու հետ, ինչպէս Աստուած կու տայ մեզի: Ծնունդի մեր ակնկալութիւնն ալ կապուած ըլլալու է տալու հետ: Տալ նուիրումով, գոհողութեամբ եւ հրնուանքով, որովհետեւ Յիսուս ուրախութեամբ տուողը կը սիրէ: □

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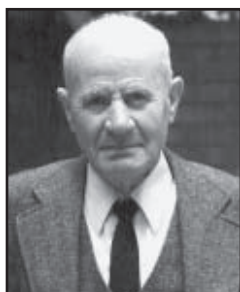
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## Haroutioun Havounjian

Haroutioun Iskenderi Havounjian was born in Akbez, Cilicia in 1905. As a child, he witnessed the atrocities during the Armenian genocide. His two sisters and a brother died during the deportations, which was followed by the death of his natural mother. From his stepmother, he gained four other siblings. During the deportations, Haroutioun fled to Aleppo, Syria, where he first worked as a train controller and later worked as the janitor of the Armenian Evangelical Bethel Church and School for 20 years. In the meantime, he had met and married his love, Loucine Tashjian, in 1938. The rest of their lives together were spent in Beirut, Lebanon. Haroutioun and Loucine had one son and four daughters, Hovhannes, Seta, Sona, Suzanne, and Lena. His beloved wife Loucine passed away in 1980, after a long illness. Although Haroutioun had faced hard times in his life, he always had a positive outlook in life because of his trust in the Lord.



In 1986, Haroutioun immigrated to the United States to join the rest of his family. He was a kind father and impacted the lives of his five children. He was a role model to his seventeen grandchildren and fortunately witnessed some of their weddings from 1998-2003. He even had the opportunity to greet his eight great-grandchildren. He was a man of few words, but when he spoke he was always thoughtful and considerate. He was very humorous too, always quick to answer with a witty remark. Most importantly, he loved spending time with his family.

The advice that Haroutioun has passed on to all of his family members is to walk in the ways of the Lord and to always be thankful. Haroutioun's 100th birthday was celebrated with family and friends. The following day, on November 26, 2004, his children and grandchildren surrounded him as he left in peace to be with the Lord.

## Ann Piran Mamigonian

Ann, the daughter of Gladys (Zuvar) Haig and Nazaret Piranian, passed away on October 12, 2005. She was born in Providence, RI in 1929, where she received her early training in music. She taught piano for 48 years and was respected and loved by her students. Her love for the Lord shined through her life.

Ann studied at the Detroit Conservatory of Music, CSU Fresno, and was a graduate of Sherwood Music School. She used her musical talents in various places worldwide including, Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, Hartford, California, New York, Rhode Island, Armenia and Yugoslavia. She served as President of California Federation of Music Clubs and was very active in The Music Teachers Association.

She married Varton Mamigonian in 1963. They renewed their vows on their 30th wedding anniversary in Honolulu, Hawaii. Varton preceded her in 1997. She is survived by her cousins, Rita Stasi of Fairfield, CA, Zabel Cicchino of Lancaster OH, Harach Kazarian of Providence, RI, also many other cousins, and her brother-in-law, Gregg Mamikunian of Beverly Hills, CA, two sister-in-laws and their families.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 15, 2005 followed by interment at Masis Cemetery of Fresno. Donations, in lieu of flowers were sent to AMAA.

## Meline Paravazian

Meline Paravazian was born on January 4, 1915 in Rodosto (Tekirdagh) Turkey. She was the youngest of four girls, two of whom died at childbirth and the third as a teenager. Meline attended the American University of Istanbul.

Her father Sarkis Manoukian left the young family to complete his divinity degree at Queens University in Kingston, Canada. Returning home, he became the minister of the Armenian Evangelical Church in Istanbul. With the help of his wife, the young minister established a Sunday School, which Meline attended and where she made life-long friendships.

American teachers and missionaries had left a very favorable impression on young Meline and ever since, she wanted to come to America. Not yet to be – that was to come some 25-30 years later.

Toward the end of the Genocide, the young Manoukian family moved to Bulgaria. Meline met Kevork Paravazian some time later and they were married. They had one son, Zaven. Both Meline and Kevork were active in the Armenian Evangelical Church of Sofia. Meline was the church organist from 1934 to 1960.

Though they were established in Bulgaria, Meline had not given up on her dream of coming to the United States – not easy at that time under communist Bulgaria.

In 1959, miraculously, permission to emigrate was granted, not to USA but to

France. Meline (still maintaining Turkish citizenship) went to Paris to get the USA visas. One year later her husband and son arrived in Paris and three years later they arrived in New York. Upon arrival to USA in January 1963, both Kevork and Meline became active in the Armenian Evangelical Church of New York for many years.

In early 1980, after Kevork's retirement, they went to California for a long vacation and stayed there for almost 10 years – still maintaining a home in New York.

Kevork passed away in 2001. Meline was in and out of hospitals and nursing homes for the past 5 years. The past four months was a rapid decline in her health. She passed away on Wednesday, December 14, 2005. Now that she is with the Lord, she rests in peace.

**The AMAA Board of Directors and staff wish to extend their heartfelt condolences to the families of the following deceased friends whose names were submitted to us for publication in the AMAA News**

- \* *Aivasian, Julie*  
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- \* *Ananian, Stella*  
Montebello, CA
- \* *Arzoian, Harry*  
Glendale, CA
- \* *Ashrafian, Eva*  
CA
- \* *Badalian, Helen*  
Anaheim, CA
- \* *Buchakjian, Dikran*  
Englewood, NJ
- \* *Derderian, Nomie*  
Fresno, CA
- \* *Hagopian, Edward Vazken*  
Ann Arbor, MI
- \* *Kachadorian, Astrid*  
Malden, MA
- \* *Kazarosian, Louise*  
Medford, MA
- \* *Manoushagian, Hovsep*  
Pasadena, CA
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Beverly Hills, CA
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Glendale, CA
- \* *Pajian, Sonja*  
IL
- \* *Peloian, Victoria*  
Cutler, CA
- \* *Vosgeritchian, Anahid*  
Amman, Jordan

\* *Memorials designated for AMAA*

# Giving Through A Will

Ever since it was founded in 1918, the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) has been blessed with a host of members and friends who have included bequests to the AMAA in their wills. Some bequests are used to establish endowment funds in the name of the donor or the name of someone the donor wishes to honor. These endowment funds are invested by the AMAA, and the income from them is used to support the designated purpose of the donor, or, if there's no specific designation, for the worldwide outreach ministries of the AMAA. Such endowment funds ensure the lasting remembrance of the donors and provide perpetual support for their designated charitable work.

We are sometimes asked, "How can I include the Armenian Missionary Association of America in my Will?" Some of the ways in which the AMAA can be included in your estate planning are listed below. In these examples, percentages may be substituted for dollar figures.

## *General Bequest*

"I give and bequest to the Armenian Missionary Association of America, Inc. (AMAA), headquartered at 31 West Century Road, Paramus, NJ, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (and/or the securities or other property described herein, namely, \_\_\_\_\_) to be used for the general work of the Association as directed by the Board of Directors of the AMAA."

## *Residuary Bequest*

"The rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, wherever situated, I give devise and bequeath to the Armenian Missionary Association of America, Inc. (AMAA), headquartered at 31 West Century Road, Paramus, NJ, to be used for the general work of the Association as directed by the Board of Directors of the AMAA."

## *Endowment Fund*

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For additional information, please write or call in confidence:

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