

Church Membership Means

1. The sense of inner security and peace which comes when one has a church home.
2. The establishment of a relationship of friendship and interest which proves especially helpful in times of difficulty, problem and distress.
3. The opportunity to surround one's individual purpose to live a Christian life with steadying and encouraging power of others who are seeing to achieve the same ideals.
4. The opportunity to make one's own influence count for high moral and spiritual realities in the community through the support, by one's membership, of the institution which is seeking eminently to make such ideals effective.
5. If there are children in the home, the opportunity to surround them with the finest possible program of religious education, giving them in their childhood those steadying influences which will be helpful to them in later years.
6. The opportunity to translate the desire to be a good citizen into terms of Christian leadership in the community.
7. The opportunity to share as an individual Christian in the worldwide missionary outreach of the church through its proper agencies.

Church Calendar

Weekly

Worship Service, Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Church School, Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Children's Library, Every Sunday
Women's Bible Study, Every Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Monthly

Board of Deacons Meeting, First Sunday of the month, 12:30 p.m.
ACC Women's Fellowship, Second Sunday of the month, 12:30 p.m.
Board of Trustees Meeting, Third Sunday of the month, 12:30 p.m.

Attention Singers!

In order to maintain a fine quality of choir performance, we must add to the membership of the Chancel Choir. We do need assistance from those of you who have it to give. We need help on a regular basis for the continuance of fine Sunday morning singing. We also would like to extend an opportunity for you to participate in the singing of special music for special days and events.

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From the Ministers Desk

Dear Members and Friends:

Thanksgiving Day and Sunday observances are not too far away. In its origin and spirit, Thanksgiving Day is a religious day. It was established as a special expression and reminder of the fact of our dependence on the graciousness of God. So many of us think that we can be and do without Him. Thanksgiving Day is acknowledge how deeply dependent we really are upon His love and mercy.

Thanksgiving Day is also a reminder and an opportune time to display our appreciation by availing ourselves of the opportunity of thanking people who, by being themselves, enrich our lives. Is there a friend on whom one can depend no matter what happens? What a grand time Thanksgiving Day is to thank him or her. Let's remember that when such a use of appreciation is practiced, two people grow.

Finally, Thanksgiving Day is a reminder that we are called to share. One of the names of the Sacrament of Communion is "Eucharist." It means thanksgiving. It refers to the act of Jesus Who, taking bread on that first Maundy Thursday ... gave thanks. But as part of the thanks, He broke the bread and shared it with all who were present. Real thanksgiving is forever thanks-sharing!

In our world today, there are fellow human beings here and in distant lands who are hungry in body and in spirit, or both. As we give thanks and as we break bread around our family tables, it can be an added blessing to us and to them if thanksgiving spills over into thanks-sharing, and our thankful hearts become a cause of thanksgiving in their hearts.

With these thoughts, I wish a very happy Thanksgiving to you all!

Faithfully
yours,

Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian
Minister

Thanksgiving Banquet

The Thanksgiving Banquet of the Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit will be held on Sunday, November 18, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in the Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian Hall, at 26210 West Twelve Mile Road, Southfield, MI. A beautiful program is being planned for your pleasure.

The ticket donation is \$30.00 for adults, \$15.00 for students. Tickets may be purchased from the church office or from the Co-Chairs of the Banquet Nancy Bershbach (248-321-7746) and Ann Zartarian (248-212-8970).

All members and friends of the church are encouraged to act as donors, patrons, and supporters. The church counts on your participation and generosity.

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Are you celebrating your anniversary, birthday or any milestone in your life? Why not share your celebration with the church family by sponsoring the Fellowship Hour or Altar Flowers. Please sign-up on the bulletin board or call the church office.

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**ACC Harvest Family Night
Friday, November 2, 2018, 6:00 p.m.**

Plan now to attend our Annual Harvest Family Night sponsored by the ACC Sunday School and the Women's Christian Fellowship. An evening of fun and fellowship is being planned for both adults and children, and a delicious home-made Italian Dinner will be served. Donations will be accepted at the door. For reservations, please sign your names on the sign-up sheet on the Church Bulletin Board or call the Church Office. For more information, you may contact Ann Bayleran (248-330-0095).

**The Fall Congregational Meeting
Sunday, November 11, 2018**

The Fall Congregational Meeting of our church will be held in our Sanctuary on Sunday, November 11, immediately following the Morning Worship Service, to act on the following items:

1. The proposed budget for 2019
2. Election of Members to the Board of Trustees and Board of Deacons

Please plan to stay after the Morning Worship Service to participate.

Stewardship Sunday

Thanksgiving Sunday, November 18, is also our Stewardship Sunday, an opportunity to make our financial pledges for the year 2019. Our church, like any other voluntary organization, depends on the support and involvement of its members. Thus, to make their pledges for this purpose.

Set Your Clocks Back!

On Sunday, November 4, at 2:00 a.m. you can regain the hour you lost last spring by turning clocks back to 1:00 a.m. You can gain the hour by turning back clocks before you go to bed Saturday night or getting up at 2:00 a.m. in the morning and doing the same, or waiting until Sunday morning.

**The AMAA Annual Meeting
Saturday, October 20, 2018**

The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Armenian Missionary Association of America was held on Saturday, October 20, 2018, at the United Armenian Congregational Church, Los Angeles, CA. Participating in the meeting received reports of officers, committees, affiliated organizations and representatives of the AMAA and elected new members. ACCGD was represented by Rev. and Mrs. Vahan and Rosette Tootikian, who presented the mission report of the church.

**Christmas Greetings
Through the A.C.C. Bulletin**

The December issue of our A.C.C. Bulletin will be a Christmas issue. Once again, as in the past, we offer you an opportunity to send your Christmas greetings to all the church members and friends – in and out of town – by making a contribution to our mission program. Please submit your name and donation to the church office no later than November 11, 2018.

Through the A.C.C. Bulletin you will be extending your Christmas and New Year greetings to over 250 addresses. If you make a contribution to the Missionary Outreach program of our church of one-third of your Christmas mailings, you will save time, energy, and money; also you will be rendering a service through your church to others at the same time.

A.C.C. Honors Its Past and Present Ministers

Traditionally, the second Sunday in October is **Armenian Evangelical Ministers' Appreciation Sunday**. On Sunday, October 14, the Board of Deacons set aside a little segment of our Worship Service to recognize its past and present ministers.

Kanon Lessons

Special Armenian Kanon lessons for children ages 8–10 years old are being taught by Narine Ghambarian of our church. If interested, please call Narine at 616-836-0806.

**News From Armenian Evangelical World
Council**

At the close of the calendar year 2018, I wish to express my thanks to God for His love and guidance during the entire year. I also wish to thank my colleagues and co-laborers in the vineyard of the Lord. As individuals and as a corporate body, all we are and have, and all we hope to be and aspire to have, we owe it to Almighty God.

The following is the Annual report of the AEWG:

1. Milestones and Positive Developments in Armenia. On May 28, 2018, the Armenian nation celebrated the 100 Anniversary of the establishment of the First Republic of Armenia. It also celebrated the 30th anniversary of the birth of the Karabagh Movement. On October 13, Yerevan celebrated its 2800th Anniversary.

2018 was an exciting year for Armenians worldwide. The election of the new President Armen Sarkisyan as the head of the state under the new constitution and the "Velvet Revolution" of Nicol Pashinian, has brought new hope. They will serve as a symbol of unity and integrity of the Armenian nation at home and abroad. The AEWG extended its congratulations and moral support to both President Armen Sarkisian and Prime Minister Nicol Pashinian. All Armenian Evangelical churches have celebrated the 100 Anniversary of the Republic of Armenia.

2. AMAA Centennial Celebrations Worldwide. Throughout the year 2018, there have been worldwide celebrations of the AMAA's 100th Anniversary. Almost every Armenian Evangelical church has taken part in this milestone observance. The AEWG has encouraged Armenian Evangelical churches not only to commemorate the Centennial but also to participate in its financial campaign. Undoubtedly, the AMAA's Centennial celebrations have strengthened the mutual ties that bind the AMAA with our church unions. It also has strengthened the solidarity of the Armenian Evangelical churches worldwide revitalized their missionary zeal.

3. Ministers' Appreciation Sunday. The second Sunday of October has been set aside by the AEWG as Ministers' Appreciation Sunday. A bilingual Order of Worship Service was prepared by the Executive Director and e-mailed to all Armenian Evangelical churches.

4. Centennial Celebrations of the AMAA in Armenia. There were a series of Centennial celebrations of the AMAA in Armenia; the musical ensemble at the AMAA center, a celebration of Rev. Hovhannes Eskisjian's life, (Angel of Salvation) at the AMAA Armenia Headquarters paying tribute to the Armenian Martyrs' at Dzizernagapert, opening of the Exhibition of Artist's Union of Armenia, visited the speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Armenia, Centennial Artistic celebration at the Yerevan Opera Theater, Centennial banquet Marriott hotel, dedication service of the Gyumri Church complex, Pastors' Breakfast in Yerevan. Armenian Evangelical World Council participated in all of the celebratory events.

5. The AEWG Executive Director's visit to Artsakh. The AEWG's Executive Director took a side trip with a group of AMAA supporters to Goris and Artsakh on September 20-22 and visited the AMAA centers in Shushi, Stepanagerd and visited with the Ministers and lay representatives of the region.

6. Commissioned to Write About the Genesis of the AMAA. I was commissioned to write a book about the beginnings of the AMAA. Following my research at the AMAA archives, I finished writing the manuscript. Shortly it will be published. It is entitled "The Genesis and the Early Development of the AMAA."

7. Multi-faceted Activities of the Office. The AEWG office is involved in various types of activities, such as serving as information center, playing advisory role for scholarly projects, keeping records, coordinating meetings, sharing news with the media and serving as a link with the Armenian Evangelical Churches and ministers worldwide.

Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian
Executive Director, AEWG