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## FROM THE MINISTERS DESK

Dear Members and Friends:

During the month of November we have the following important activities:

1. **On Tuesday, November 6 is Election Day.** Individually we have an opportunity and responsibility of exercising our political stewardship to vote intelligently for various candidates for the presidency, the Senate and Congress, as well as on the State proposals, which will appear on November 6 ballot.
2. **November is also a month when we renew our pledge of Stewardship.** We will have an opportunity to cast our vote of confidence to the ministry that our church is performing in the name of Christ. Let's exercise responsible stewardship for the good of our church.
3. **Sunday, November 18 is Thanksgiving Sunday.** It is also the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of our church. On this anniversary we are remembering our past with thanksgiving. We are grateful to the generations past who have kept the banner high and have passed on the torch of faith to our generation. Grateful for God's grace, and expectant of His guidance in the future, we are determined to continue the forward march of the Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit!

On Thanksgiving Sunday as we celebrate both the Thanksgiving holiday and our Church's 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, let's remember that grateful hearts not only possess the awareness of the blessings of what they have received, but also of how much they are motivated to reach out and become a blessing to others. There are few experiences in life more satisfying than to be able to bestow a gift or blessing on someone or be able to reach out and touch another life in a special way.

Our 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration gives us an excellent opportunity to express our joy and thanksgiving by giving a special anniversary gift to our church. Our anniversary will be a **great success if all our members and friends attend our Thanksgiving Banquet and if everyone makes a generous donation.**

On this auspicious occasion, we will have the opportunity to honor the life long services of one of our well-known and highly respected members, Dr. Richard E. Marburger.

Let us all make this celebration an occasion of rededication to the glory of God and the edification of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Faithfully yours,

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## **Stewardship: A Challenge and an Opportunity**

There is a fellowship in this church that offers care, love, joy, hope, and service to its members and others. When someone needs help, it is there. It provides facilities for many functions and activities. People in far away places benefit from its generosity. This fellowship, of course, is your church.

A church, like many voluntary organizations, depends on the support and involvement of its members. To continue growing it must have sustained financial contributions. Members and friends of our fellowship have pledged themselves to this purpose.

During the coming weeks you will have the opportunity to learn more about the scope of programs conducted by your church. On Sunday, November 11, 2012, during our Fall Congregational meeting, following the Morning Worship Service, our members will act on our budget for 2013. In order to meet even the modest increases forced by spiraling costs, etc., most of us need to increase our stewardship pledges. Many of our senior members, as you know, have fixed incomes and are already giving until it hurts.

If we respond to this challenge, we will avoid ourselves of the opportunity to continue the growth and development of one of the finest ethnic churches in the Metropolitan area. In this way we will continue to serve all our members, maintain the culturally important Armenian heritage, and offer outstanding Christian service.

### **The Fall Congregational Meeting November 11, 2012**

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 2013.
2. Election of board members.

Please plan to stay after the morning Worship Service to participate in our annual Fall Congregational Meeting.

### **Christmas Greetings Through The A.C.C. Bulletin**

The December issue of the 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 church members and friends – in and out of town – by making a contribution to our mission program. Please

submit your name and donation to our church office no later than November 17, 2012.

Through the A.C.C. Bulletin you will be extending your Christmas and New Year greetings to hundreds of addresses. If you make a contribution to the missionary outreach program of our church 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.

### **Stewardship Sunday**

Thanksgiving Sunday, November 18, is also our *Stewardship Sunday*, an opportunity to make our financial pledges for the year 2013. Our church, like any other voluntary organization, depends on the support and involvement of its members. Thus, members and friends of our fellowship are urged to make their pledges to this purpose.

### **Vincent Kaye Turns 104**

The following article appeared in the September 27, 2012 issue of “**Observer and Eccentric.**”

Livonia resident Vincent Kaye celebrated his 104<sup>th</sup> birthday Monday at this home in Manoogian manor Assistant Living. Kaye shared birthday cake with family and friends to commemorate the occasion.

Kaye was born in 1908 in Amasia, Armenia, which is in current-day Turkey.

Kaye's family moved to Michigan when he was a very young child. He graduated from Highland Park High School in 1927 and continued his education at both University of Detroit and Lawrence Tech University. Kaye holds the honor of being the oldest living graduate of Lawrence Tech University.

After college graduation, he spent his career in electrical engineering work at various companies in the Detroit area. Kaye's wife of 67 years, Rose, died in 2002. When asked what he attributes his long and happy life to, he said, “I attribute it all to my wonderful wife.”

Kaye said his health is generally good, “Especially for someone 104,” he added with a wink.

He enjoys his days at Manoogian manor talking to other residents and participating in many of the activities, especially Bingo.

We congratulate Vincent Kaye, the oldest member of our church. May God bless him and keep him healthy, physically and mentally!

## **Armenian Cultural Evening Was a Success**

October was Armenian Cultural Month. On October 5th the Armenian Heritage Committee had special evening to pay tribute to our culture. It offered a special program. Our guest speaker was Dr. Hovsep Torossian, Principal of AGBU Alex and Marie Manoogian School. The topic of his message was **“Cultural Leadership During the Golden Age of Armenians.”** After his opening remarks Rev. Tootikian introduced both participants of the program: Dr. Talin Hagopian and Dr. Hovsep Torossian. Taline Hagopian recited Armenian poet Barooyr Sevag’s inspiring poem entitled “We Are Here to Stay.” Following the recitation, Dr. Torossian, with a very informative slide show, discussed the pivotal role the fifth century Armenian Holy Translators, headed by St. Mesrop Mashtots, who invented the Armenian alphabet in the fifth century. With making a parallel between the characteristics of the fifth and the 21<sup>st</sup> century leadership, Dr. Hovsep Torossian made some important observations.

A lovely tricolor program of the day was designed and prepared by Dr. Talin. Expressing our gratitude to the two participants, Rev. Tootikian invited the audience to an informal reception.

### **ACC Gratefully Acknowledges Donations made to the Syrian Relief**

- Mr. and Mrs. George and Carole Basmadjian.
- Mr. and Mrs. Rodney and Barbara Keteyian.
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- Mr. David Terzibashian
- Dr. Harold Kaloogian

The church also gratefully received a generous donation from

Mr. and Mrs. George and Constance Donigian in memory of Helen and Harry Donigian.

## **The ACC Women’s Fellowship**

By- Sima Avakian

On September 21st, the Women’s Fellowship of the Armenian Congregational Church, presented Ms. Emma Bagdasarian and her students in a piano recital featuring classical pieces from renowned composer such as Khachaturian and Beethoven. The recital attracted approximately seventy guests and was followed by an afterglow. All of the profits from our fundraiser were donated to our Armenian Missions Fund. Once again this year we were able to help Armenians who are in less fortunate circumstances.

### **Honoring Dr. Richard Marburger With a Special Dedication of The Mary Marburger Science and Engineering Auditorium**

Lawrence Technological University recognizing almost half a century of academic and administrative stewardship of Dr. Richard Marburger, paid special tribute to his late wife, Mary, by dedicating an auditorium in her name on September 29, 2012. The new “Mary E. Marburger Science and Engineering Auditorium,” an ultra-modern facility, is planned for Engineering, life Science and Architecture Building. The funding of the auditorium was made by LTU Trustee and former chairman of Harlan Electric Company, John Harlan. On this occasion Oakland County Board of Commissioners issued a proclamation paying tribute to Dr. Richard Marburger, the Distinguished President Emeritus of Lawrence Technological University, and to the memory of his wife Mrs. Mary Marburger.

### **Book of Life**

**Entered his rest:** Edward Derian, on Sunday, October 7, 2012. Memorial services were held on Saturday, October 13, 2012.

### **Fall Back on November 4<sup>th</sup>**

On Sunday, November 4, at 2:00 a.m., you may regain the hour you lost last spring by turning your clocks back to 1:00 a.m. You can turn back your clocks before you go to bed on Saturday night, November 3, or get up at 2:00 a.m. in the morning to do it. Please don’t forget the time change.

**The Armenian Congregational Church of  
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*Cordially invites you to join us in celebrating our*

**95th Anniversary**

**“Honoring Our Past – Claiming Our Future”**

**Honoring Dr. Richard Marburger**  
for his lifelong contribution to ACC & the community

*Annual Thanksgiving Banquet*

**Sunday, November 18, 2012 – 5:00 p.m.**

The Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian Hall  
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Please respond by Thursday, November 1, 2012  
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Tickets will not be mailed. Reservations will be held at  
the door.

**95th Anniversary Deadline  
November 1, 2012**

All our members and friends are requested to  
make their 95th Anniversary Banquet  
reservations and donations as soon as possible.  
We will record their names in a special  
commemorative booklet that is being prepared on  
the 95th anniversary. The deadline is November  
1, 2012.

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