

Statutes

of

HOLY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH PARISH OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK

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1. Preface

Holy Armenian Apostolic Church is one of the historical Eastern Orthodox churches, the founders of which are Apostles St. Bartholomew and St. Thaddeus who died in the 1st century AD. In 301 through St. Gregory the Illuminator's efforts Christianity was declared the state religion of Armenia by king Trdat III (Tiridates).

The bases of Armenian faith are Old and New Testimony, the faith of St. Apostles, as well as decisions of the first three Ecumenical Councils - Council of Nicaea (325), Council of Constantinople (381) and Council of Ephesus (431).

2. The name, the center and the area of the parish community

2.1 Armenian Apostolic Church in the Kingdom of Denmark is called

Armenian Apostolic Church of Denmark

2.2 Armenian Apostolic Church of Denmark (hereinafter referred to as AACPD) is an indivisible part of the Holy Armenian Apostolic Church, the spiritual center of which is Copenhagen. It is governed by laws of Central Europe and the Patriarchal Delegation of Scandinavian countries.

2.3 The area of AACPD covers the whole territory of the Kingdom of Denmark and these by-laws of AACPD is applicable in the Kingdom of Denmark.

2.4 AACPD is the only Armenian Apostolic Church Parish in the Kingdom of Denmark.

2.5 During the formation of Diocesan structures in the region, AACPD can become a part of this or that Diocese of the Armenian Church by the decision of the Catholicos of All Armenians.

3. The purposes and the mission of the Parish

3.1. The Parish Community the supreme governing body of public benefit organizations and church communities of Denmark operating on the basis of these by-laws, which protects their interests and rights. At the same time it is an establishment representing the interests and rights of the Armenian citizens or citizens of Armenian origin living in Denmark.

3.2 The main objectives of AACPD are as follows:

1. To keep traditions of the community guided by moral principles of Christianity, to secure education of its members according to the faith of the Armenian Apostolic Church, as well as development of unity.
2. Organization of religious, cultural and benevolent life of the communities related to AACPD and establishment of harmonious and cooperative relations between them.
3. To ensure the proper and regular performance of church services, liturgical divine services and other rituals.
4. To provide necessary material resources and to create necessary conditions, such as building for the church, parish community center, cultural center, library, school etc. for carrying out the activity of the communities related to AACPD efficiently and successfully and to assist in keeping real assets and immovable property of the parish in good condition.
5. To assist in church and cultural life of each community.
6. To support young generation in receiving Christian education, identity formation and preservation and their comprehensive integration.

7. To devise special plans for providing means and taking care of the elderly, patients and the poor.
8. To develop relations and cooperate closely with Armenian organizations established in Denmark.
9. To promote inter-church relations, to develop ecumenical activity and inter-religious dialogue.
10. To cooperate with public benefit organizations, associations and state structures operating in Denmark.

4. Profits of the Parish Community

4.1 Profits of the Parish Community are as follows:

- a. Membership dues
- b. Rituals revenues
- c. The sale of candles
- d. Donations of the faithful members
- e. Will
- f. Other donations
- g. Revenues received from undertakings of the Parish Priest (Pastor).
- h. Support and grants given by the government or other establishments.

4.2 Fiscal year correspond to calendar year.

4.3 Profits of the Parish Community can be used only in favor of the Community mission in accordance of the present by-laws/canons.

5. Public benefit of the Parish Community

5.1 The Parish Community is a non-profit organization committed to its activities. All the profits and financial means serve to achieve statutory objectives.

5.2 The parish members do not receive financial assistance from the financial means of the parish.

6. Parish Membership

6.1 Members of the Armenian Apostolic Church Parish Community of Denmark are the children of the Holy Armenian Church, who reside within the administrative jurisdiction of the Kingdom of Denmark and its neighboring regions.

6.2 Members of the Armenian Parish Community shall be:

- a. individuals who are baptized and christened in HAAC (Holy Armenian Apostolic Church), who profess the teachings of the Armenian Church and accept her Holy Sacraments, and who abide by her canons and Holy Traditions.
- b. foreigners who have married Armenians and who accept the teachings, Holy Sacraments, canons and Holy Traditions of HAAC. Those who have been baptized in other churches but were not christened they must be christened, they must be anointed with holy chrism before becoming a member of the parish.
- c. Armenians belonging to other denominations (Romanian-Catholic, Byzantine-Orthodox, and Protestant) can become members of the Armenian Parish Community and hold positions among administrative local bodies. The decision to become a member of the Parish of those Armenians who belong to other denominations is made by the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe.

6.3 The member of the Armenian Community who has reached the age of 18 shall pay membership dues to the account number of the community. Members are approved by the Parish Council.

6.4 Legal membership is allowed only in one Parish Community.

AACPD membership is discontinued if:

- a. The member dies.
- b. The member renounces the communion of the Apostolic Church.
- c. The member changes his main place of residence moving from Denmark or its neighboring regions
- d. The member deviates from the official confession of the church.

7. Rights and obligations of AACPD members

AACPD members' rights shall be:

- 7.1 To participate in all church ceremonies particularly in divine services and religious teaching.
- 7.2 According to the articles of these by-laws the member has the right to elect and be elected if he/she has reached the age of 18 and pays membership dues.
- 7.3 To view meeting records of the General Assembly, as well as the list of members who are entitled to elect and be elected.
- 7.4 To become a member of community boards.
- 7.5 Only those members of the General Assembly have the right to elect and be elected if:
 - a. He/she has residence permit in Denmark or an equivalent document.
 - b. He/she is a member and has reached the age of 18.
- 7.6 All the members are obliged to support AACPD within the bounds of possibility.

7.7 A member of the Armenian Parish Community can renounce the communion of the church anytime by submitting a written request to the Parish Council.

7.8 The member of the Armenian Parish Community shall cease to be a member of the Armenian Community if:

- a. He/she acts in opposition to the interests of the Parish
- b. He/she acts contrary to the sub-points a, b of the provision 6.2 of the present by-laws.

7.9 The members shall be excluded from the parish membership by the decision of the Parish Priest of Denmark by written request of the competent representative of the parish or in consultation with him. The subordinate has the right to appeal the decision of excluding him/her from the parish membership to the General Assembly.

8 Competent and organizational bodies of AACPD

- a. General Assembly (GA)
- b. Pastor or Parish Priest
- c. Parish Council or Church Administration (CA)
- d. Auditing Committee
- e. Court of Justice

9. General Assembly (GA)

9.1 General Assembly is the highest legislative organ of AACPD and represents all the dues-paying members of the Parish.

9.2 The president of the Parish General Assembly is the Parish Priest. In communities where there is no Parish Priest, meetings shall be held under the presidency of its representative.

9.3 The Annual General Assembly shall be held regularly once a year.

9.4 Annual or special Assemblies shall be convened:

- a. By the invitation of the Parish Priest (Pastor) and Parish Council,
- b. By the invitation of the Parish Pastor or Parish Council and with the permission of the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe.
- c. By written request of 1/3 of the competent bodies of the Parish. In case of such request the Church Administration (Parish Council) is obliged to convene GA during a month.
- d. In case Parish Council fails to fulfill its obligations Parish Pastor shall convene special GA by mutual consent of the Chairman of the Day.

9.5 GA shall be convened through at least six week written notice invitation and shall include the date, agenda, as well as conditions to elect and to be elected.

9.6 Before the opening date of the GA each dues-paying member shall write his/her name in register book in the presence of the secretary and cashier of the Parish.

9.7 Before the opening date of the GA Church Administration (Parish Council) is obliged to prepare lists of the members who have right to elect or to be elected and to provide them for the members of AACPD not later than six weeks before the convening date of GA.

9.8 All the remarks on the lists or the incompetent members who were included in the list of members shall be submitted to the Church Administration (Parish Council) at least two week before convening of the General Assembly. Church Administration (Parish Council) is obliged to examine those who are in disputable situations before the convening date the Assembly and to draw a conclusion from it. If it is not possible to reach a certain decision for some reasons, final decision is left on Election Commission.

9.9 Only members of the same community are eligible to vote at GA.

9.10 GA shall have an agenda which shall include:

- a. Election of the Chairman and referent of the Day
- b. Election of Election Committee
- c. Verification of legitimacy of the Assembly by the Chairman of the Day
- d. Reading and discussing agenda items
- e. Reading and approval of the records of the previous GA
- f. Reading and discussion of financial statements and reports of the Administration

9.11 Besides items of agenda mentioned in points 9, 10 consecutive GA could also include:

- a. Election of the Parish Council with two deputy members
- b. Election of the Auditing Committee with one deputy member
- c. Reading and discussion of reports on moral description of different members
- d. Other items

9.12 Rights and obligations of GA shall be:

1. To elect for 2 years period:

- a. the Nominating Committee composed of three members;
- b. the officers of the Assembly - Chairman, Secretary and Assistant secretary;
- c. the Church Administration (Parish Council) composed of 5-11 members;
- d. the Auditing Committee composed of 3 members.

2. To examine annual the written annual statements and reports of the Parish Priest, Parish Council and their subordinate bodies.

3. To decide budget estimate and economic program of the Parish for the ensuing year.

4. To put forward proposals on purchasing, selling or transferring immovable property, as well as renting a foreign property.

5. To create committees for charitable, cultural and social activities.

6. To define the rate of the dues. According to the decision of the Church Administration (Parish Council) the rate can reach up to 50 % for the students.

7. Sale of real estate and assuming any financial obligations shall become legal by decision of the GA.

9.13 The General Assembly has a legitimate quorum when at least 1/3 of the members are present. In case the presence of 1/3 of the members is not achieved at the appointed time half an hour later the second session can start which shall be legitimate regardless of the number of the present members.

9.14 The legitimacy of the assembly is approved by the member who has convened it. The legitimacy of the Assembly shall not be violated even if some members leave the meeting.

9.15 Decisions of the General Assembly are approved by majority vote.

9.16 The Chairman of the Day elected by the present members shall run the General Assembly. Election of the Chairman is approved by the member who has convened the General Assembly.

9.17 The Chairman of the Day is responsible for running the General Assembly and prepare records and election results of the Assembly with the help of Secretary . The Secretary may use a recorder for making his/her work easy.

9.18 The General Assembly is competent to discuss any issue, any problem and make a decision regardless of the obligations mentioned in the present by-laws.

10. The Pastor (Parish Priest)

10.1 Clergymen living within jurisdiction of AACPD are subject to the authority of the Patriarchal Delegation of the Central Europe. The clergy is composed of clergymen of the Holy Armenian Apostolic Church regardless of their citizenship.

10.2 The Parish Priest (hereinafter referred to as Parish Priest or Pastor) must be a clergyman (married or celibate) who has been ordained to the priesthood. Other clergymen can also serve in the community as Assistant to the Parish Priest. They can participate in the meetings of the Church Administration (Parish Council) without having the right to vote.

10.3 The Parish Priest is a member of all parish organizations except the Auditing Committee.

10.4 The Parish Priest appoints, discharges or transfers from one community (parish) to another on the instructions of the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe in consultation with the Catholicos of All Armenians.

10.5 The Parish Priest acting contrary to the canons of the Church, or accused of deeds unworthy of his office, shall be suspended by the the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe. Then the matter shall be submitted will be to the Religious Meeting for investigation. The Religious Meeting shall inform about the clergyman's indecent behavior in writing at least 15 days before the session date set by the Religious Meeting. Upon receipt of the result of such investigation, and after due hearing, the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe in consultation with the Religious Meeting shall render his decision and report the same to the Priest. If the decision is to divest the Priest or to unfrock him, such decision shall be reported to His Holiness, the Catholicos of All Armenians for final determination. The Priest shall have the right to appeal from the decision of His Holiness, Catholicos of All Armenians, for the reconsideration of his case.

10.6 The Parish Priest receives his remuneration from the Community (Parish).

10.7 The Parish Priest can perform rituals and participate in church ceremonies out of his jurisdiction having previously informed the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe about it and obtaining his approval.

10.8 Those residences which do not have a church parish the priest has the right to perform a ceremonies under the auspices of the Patriarchal Delegate.

10.9 Deacons, choirmasters, sacristans and office workers may be appointed by the Parish Priest in consultation with the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe. They shall be subject to the authority of the Parish Priest and shall execute his instructions, and may be discharged by the latter in consultation with the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe.

10.10 The Priest who does not provide services in AACPD can perform church rituals and ceremonies within the jurisdiction of the Parish only by permission of the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe.

10.11 Rights and obligations of the Parish Priest

1. To perform church ceremonies and sacraments according to the canon laws and traditions of the Armenian Church. The Parish Priest is obliged to keep church calendar strictly and to protect the interests of the Parish.

2. To visit the members of his Parish Community, to conduct a ceremony of home blessing, to console the sick, the poor and the mournful people.

3. To contribute to the improvement and welfare of the Parish Community.

4. Support and facilitate the fulfillment of obligations of the Community within the framework of continuous cooperation and consultation.

5. To supervise and support the church choir, church servants and church clerks and Sunday Armenian schools of the Community.

6. To ensure the fulfillment of the points of the present Bylaws as well as proper fulfillment of the instructions of the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe.

7. To submit every year a detailed report of its activities to the GA, Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe.

11. The Parish Council or Church Administration (PC)

11.1 The Parish Council (Administration) is the administrative and executive body of the parish community, composed of at least 5 and maximum 11 members. The members of the Parish Council are elected by the General Assembly. The exact number of the PC members is approved by the GA immediately before the election.

11.2 The duration of the Parish Council's term of office is 2 years. They may be reelected. The election of the Administration (Parish Council) shall be approved by the Delegate of the Central Europe in writing. Only upon this confirmation they will inform the appropriate official bodies about the election.

11.3 The election of PC shall take place during the GA. The election of the Administration (Parish Council) shall be held according to one or several election lists.

11.4 The Parish Priest is eligible to vote and is an honorary member of the GA. The communities which do not have a parish priest the presidents of the Assembly shall be the Chairman or Vice-Chairman. In case votes are equal the honorary member – the Parish Priest gives his decisive vote or allows the voters to have a second chance to vote if the question is disputable.

11.5 Any member of the Parish Council who fails to attend four consecutive meetings of the Council without a reasonable and compelling cause, he/she shall be resigned by his/her own action. The cause shall be reported to the Parish Priest.

11.6 During the first assembly of the new-elected Parish Community presided over by the Parish Priest the following members shall be elect:

- a) Chairman
- b) Vice-Chairman
- c) Treasurer
- d) Accountant
- e) Secretary
- f) Assistant Secretary
- g) 2 Deputy Members

11.7 Parish Priest, Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Treasurer of the Parish Community are the officers of the Assembly. Two members - the Parish Priest and the Chairman shall represent the Community. The Chairman and the Treasurer have to sign the financial transactions.

11.8 The member of PC who fails to pay their dues for one or more years automatically forfeit their right to vote at Parish Assemblies or to hold office within the Parish according to the present By-laws.

11.9 In case the Parish member renounces the communion of the church, is excluded from the Parish or dies his/her position shall be filled by the alternate who received the highest votes.

11.10 Members of the Parish Council shall continue to serve until their successors are duly elected and confirmed by the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe and assume office.

11.11 The transfer of all the calendars and statements from the previous members of the Parish Council to the new-elected PC members shall be approved by the Parish Priest.

11.12 At least four times a year Parish Council convenes a session upon written notice invitation to the members. It is the Chairman's responsibility to send invitations of the subsequent meetings. In case the administrative bodies are not informed about the convening of the meeting the Assembly is not competent to make decisions. The date of the next meeting is decided upon the session.

11.13 The previous record of each session shall be read and signed by the Parish Priest, the Chairman and Secretary. The sessions are legal and competent when the simple majority of the members are present.

11.14 Parish Council (Administration) shall have an official seal in the name of the Parish by which all the official documents of the Parish shall be sealed.

11.15 All the documents and the seal belonging to the Parish community, as well as correspondence shall be kept in the Armenian Apostolic Church Parish Community Center. If there is no community center the seal and the archive shall be kept by the Parish Chairman.

11.16 The responsibilities and rights of the Parish Council are as follows:

1. To implement the decisions of the General Assembly.
2. To ensure regular performance of church services.
3. To encourage cultural and benevolent organizations in the community.
4. To promote organization of the lessons of the Armenian language and history.
5. To organize events for development of Armenian-Danish inter-church and intercultural relations sending invitations to clergymen and intellectuals of the sister churches.
6. To participate in inter-church events and ceremonies.
7. To prepare annual report on its activities as well statements on the committees of the Parish community and submit it to the General Assembly for approval. The report and statements mentioned above shall also be submitted to the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe for approval.
8. To present to the Parish Assembly its annual financial statement, after it is duly examined and approved by the Auditor. The reports and statements approved by the General Assembly shall be also submitted to the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe for approval.
9. To encourage the Armenians, living within the administrative jurisdiction of the Community, to become a member of the Parish Community and to pay dues thus supporting the mission of the Armenian Church.
10. To see to it that dues are regularly paid by the dues-paying members.
11. To define price for the church ceremonies (ex. christening, wedding, mass etc.) and collect the money.
12. To prepare final annual financial report for the past year and annual forecast budget for the current year.
13. To examine and approve, once in every year, the accounts of its subordinate bodies and to supervise and regulate their financial and administrative affairs.
14. To appoint and dismiss the school headmaster and to approve the educational program presented by him.
12. To establish committees for encouraging all educational, benevolent and cultural organizations in the community.
13. To record in a special book the addresses of each member of the Parish community, as well as to keep proper records of the ceremonies performed by the church. The copies of the list shall be sent to the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe.
14. To propose people (ex. Servant, Secretary etc.) with the help of the Parish Priest for the performance of church services and to present the best of them to the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe for ordination or appointment.

15. To dispose of the property of AACPD.
 16. To make a list of the possessions and properties of the Parish Community and to send its copy to the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe.
 17. To buy, sell, renovate or build any property having previously informed the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe about it and upon approval, as well as the authorization by the GA.
 18. To implement decisions on the affairs of the Parish Council made by the Parish Priest and Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe.
 19. To honor the members or intellectuals for the exceptional activities carried out in favor of AACPD. To submit their list to the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe for receiving his blessings.
 20. To fix the amount of the dues to be paid to Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin.
- 11.17. The Chairman of the Parish Council or the alternate person is entitled to participate in all the meetings of the committees subject to his authority.
 - 11.18. The Parish Council shall convene a meeting at least once a year with the committees subject to his authority for consulting with them.
 - 11.19. Complaints concerning the Parish Council as a body or against any one of its members must be made in writing and presented directly to the Parish Priest. The latter shall examine the issue and suggest a solution. In case the Parish Priest does not find a way of solving the problem the final solution of the problem shall be left on the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe.
 - 11.20. Any religious dispute arising between the Parish members or the Parish Council and the Parish Priest shall be submitted to the Patriarchal Delegation of Scandinavian countries.
 - 11.21 In case the Parish Council acts in contradiction to the Parish By-laws, the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe has the right to dissolve the Parish Council and schedule a new election upon sending him two written notices without result.

12 Auditing Committee (AC)

12.1 Auditing Committee is composed of three members – Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Adviser. It is elected by the GA by open balloting and by a simple majority vote. In case of need GA it can be elected by closed ballot. Members of AC cannot be a member of the Parish Council. The term of office of the Auditing Committee members is two years. They can be reelected.

12.2 All elected candidates shall be experienced for these services based on their qualifications and profession. To ensure that they can supervise the property and financial activities in the proper way.

12.3 The meeting of the Auditing Committee is competent when all the members are invited and at least two members are present. The decisions are made by a simple majority vote.

12.4 AC examines the book of accounts of the Parish Community once a year regularly and at the end of each financial year it shall submit its report to the Parish Council and General Assembly. The report and statements presented by the AC shall be signed at least by two members.

12.5 When the member renounces the communion of the Church the elected alternate member shall assume his/her position.

12.6 AC is obliged to continuously supervise and examine the current financial activity, the property and the list of the properties of AACPD. In regard of this he is entitled to have at his disposal all the documents relating to the book of accounts and activity mentioned above.

12.7 In case of inappropriate use or falsification of the financial means of the Auditing Committee a notice shall be given to the Parish Council and then to the General Assembly. In case of disagreement between them the solution of the problem shall be left on the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe. The latter shall examine the issue and shall find a solution to it. If the Patriarchal Delegate does not find a solution he shall submit it to the Catholicos of All Armenians for settlement.

13. Court of Justice

13.1 Any dispute or disagreement arising between AACPD and its members that directly relate to the Parish life shall be submitted to the Court of Justice for their final settlement if the issue was not submitted to another body.

13.2 The party, who shall require intervention of the Court of Justice, shall inform the other party of the judge's name. The other opponent party shall announce the name of his/her judge within 14 days. Two judges elected by two parties are obliged to elect Chief Justice of the Court of Justice. In case the other opponent party does not fulfill his/her obligation within the term mentioned above or two appointed judges fail to elect Chief Justice within 14 days The Parish Council has the right to make this appointment.

14. Elections

14.1 Elections of the Parish Council or the Church Administration and Auditing Committee shall take place at the General Assembly. Simple individuals shall be the candidates to be elected. Each candidate can announce the names of those candidates whom he/she would like to elect and work with.

14.2 The term of office of the Church Administration and Auditing Community is two years,

14.3 Any members can become a member of the Church Administration and the minimum required age for becoming a member of Auditing Committee is 30.

14.4 To become a member of the Church Administration one should meet the following requirements:

- a. To have the right of citizenship and residence permit of the Kingdom of Denmark.
- b. To be church lovers.
- c. He/she has not received a prison sentence.

14.5 To assume positions at the Church Administration and Auditing Committee simultaneously is not allowed. Even if the election of two bodies shall take place at the same General Assembly the candidacy of two bodies at the same time is not allowed.

14.6 Each candidate of the Church Administration or Auditing Committee may suggest election date.

14.7 The elections shall take place by ballots. At the beginning of the assembly each member shall get a ballot to sign after checking his/her competency.

14.8 Each member shall be entitled to one vote which can be transferred on to another member by a power of attorney.

14.9 The Balloting Committee counts the ballots.

14.10 Voting ballot shall be considered invalid in case of the election of the Church Administration if the number of the candidates is more than it was set and in case of election of the Auditing Committee the number of the names is more than three.

14.11 The results of the elections shall be announced by the Chairman of the Day and shall be presented to the members of the meeting.

14.12 Those candidates shall be elected as members of the Church Administration by ballots by majority. The next two candidates by the majority votes compared to the others shall be elected as deputy members.

14.13 Three candidates receiving the majority votes shall be elected as members of the Auditing Committee. The next fourth candidate by the majority votes shall be the deputy member.

14.14 In case candidates receive an equal number of votes for the same positions a random process is used to choose which candidate is excluded.

14.15 New-elected Church Administration and Auditing Committee shall immediately elect the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Candidate receiving the majority voice shall be elected as Chairman and the next candidate by the majority vote shall be elected as Vice-President.

14.16 The staff of the Church Administration shall be presented to the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe in writing for approval and ratification.

14.17 When the election of the Church Administration or Auditing Committee takes place at the special meeting of the General Assembly, the names of the proposed candidates are acceptable and the GA may also enter his names as candidates for office. The election of the candidates shall be verified by the Auditing Committee.

14.18 The term of the office of the Church Administration or Auditing Committee elected at the special meeting of the General Assembly expires when the term of office of their successors expires.

15. Property

15.1 All real properties of the parish in the Kingdom of Denmark which are used by the member communities of the Armenian Church shall be officially registered in the name of AACPD.

15.2 All the communities and organizations that are member or are subject to AACPD are eligible to use churches and buildings owned by the Parish for their church services or other

events submitting a written notice to the Parish Council in advance ensuring the safety and proper maintenance of the properties provided to them.

15.3 AACPD Administration (Parish Council) shall manage the movable and immovable property, as well as church donations and funds faithfully, economically and legally.

15.4 Church Administration shall present financial statement for each administrative year until November 15 of the previous year and to submit it to the Auditing Committee.

15.5 Administration of the Church is obliged to register income and expenditure in the Book of accounts and to include it in its annual financial report.

15.6 Estimated expenses shall be met only within the framework of annual budget estimate.

15.7 The Administration of the Church is obliged to inform details about annual estimate use at the end of each six months within 6 weeks term.

15.8 In case of occurring of any defects or imperfections or serious mistakes in financial activity the Auditing Committee shall convene a special meeting of GA on the agenda of which shall be only the issue of imperfections and defects. The Auditing Committee is obliged to present the GA a detailed report on the defects and imperfections.

15.9 The GA is entitled to make a decision regarding the probable compensation of AACPD against some administrative members.

15.10 All the Books of accounts, receipts shall be kept for 10 years and other documentation shall be kept forever.

16.Substitution and Signature

16.1 The Parish Priest, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Administration of the Church represent AACPD.

16.2 Official or legal letters shall be approved and signed by the Parish Priest, the Chairman or Vice-Chairman next to which Secretary's signature shall be put.

16.3 Financial documents must be signed by the Chairman and the Treasurer.

16.4 The Administration of the Church or any Parish member is not entitled to make announcements about the present political parties and policy of the Kingdom of Denmark under the name of AACPD when issues relating to Armenians or national minorities are not the matter of discussion.

17. Amendments to the Parish By-Laws

17.1 The amendments shall be made to the Parish By-Laws with the consent of:

- a. the General Assembly.
- b. the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe and the Catholicos of All Armenians.

17.2 Amendments to the Parish By-Laws are discussed and accepted by vote of two-thirds (2/3) and by a simple majority of the members of the Parish General Assembly which shall be

approved by the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe and shall be subject to ratification by the Catholicos of All Armenians.

18. Parish establishment and dissolution

18.1 The Church Administration which is in office since the day the present by-laws has come into force shall continue to serve until the next consecutive meeting of GA.

18.2 Establishment, separation from and joining with other parishes (communities) in Denmark shall be implemented by the decision of the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe and shall be subject to ratification by the Catholicos of All Armenians.

18.3 AACPD is dissolved by the decision of the Patriarchal Delegate of the Central Europe and is given canonical power by ratification of the Catholicos of All Armenians.

18.4 In the event of dissolution of AACPD the destiny of all real assets should be sent to another Armenian religious or non-religious community serving a charitable or non-profit purpose in Denmark or another EU country. The name of the community is decided upon the final GA.

19. By-laws ratification

19.1 The present by-laws shall be translated into Danish. In the event of inconsistencies between the two versions Danish version will prevail.

19. The present By-laws shall come into force right after the voting on the 28th of September 2014.