

Minutes of March 31, 2009 Meeting of
CAMECT Members at the Armenian Prelacy in New York

Attendees:

Archbishop Oshagan Cholayan
Bishop Gregory Mansour
Bishop Anoushavan Tanelian
Mr. Gabriel Habib
Rev. Antoine Rizk

The meeting began at 11:00 a.m. with a prayer. An agenda was decided upon:

1. Review of February 2009 Symposium
2. Follow up to the Symposium
3. Possibility of October, 2010 Symposium in Detroit
4. Inclusion of Middle Eastern Christians from the western U.S.
5. Review of mailing list and Mission Statement

We began with a discussion of the Symposium held on February 20-22, 2009 in Detroit, Michigan entitled *Christians in the Middle East: Ancient and Ever New*. It was agreed that the Symposium was very positive. The speakers were well prepared, the content was excellent and the panels were well done. The Chaldean Community of Detroit could not have been more gracious. Everything was well done. Telelumiere will show the talks in the next few weeks.

As part of a follow-up to the Symposium, some letters of thanks will be mailed out, the CAMECT website updated and preparations for the next Symposium should begin.

The CAMECT Mission Statement was reviewed and it was decided that it is still quite suitable (copy enclosed). The current mailing list was also reviewed and expanded to include Middle Eastern Christian communities in the western United States and some new collaborators (copy enclosed).

The possibility of an October, 2010 Symposium in Detroit, Michigan was discussed with the same partnership of CAMECT, Telelumiere and the Chaldean Catholic Church of Detroit. The members agreed that it would be good to do it one more time in Detroit.

The website www.camect.org was discussed and Bishop Gregory will ask those who created it to update the site and put all the talks and the press release on the website. The meeting ended at 1:00 p.m. with lunch served, compliments of Archbishop Oshagan.

Minutes submitted by Bishop Gregory Mansour

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