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AUTUMN COUNCIL

Takoma Park, Maryland, October 21 - 28, 1954

TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 21, 1954, 7:30 P.M.

The first business session of the Council convened in the Takoma Park church at 7:30 Thursday evening, October 21.

PRESENT:

There were present for the meetings of the Council, in addition to General Conference Committee members from overseas divisions (C.P.Sorensen, M.C.Warren, and C.H.Davis from the Far East; A.H.Roth and L.F.Bohner from Inter-America; K.F.Ambs, C.P.Bringler, W.R.Vail, and E.D.Hanson from Southern Africa; M.E.Kemmerer, Duane S. Johnson, C.B.Guild, and A.F.Jessen from Southern Asia) and those resident in North America, the local conference presidents, union conference treasurers and auditors, presidents of senior and junior colleges, representatives of the College of Medical Evangelists and of sanitariums and publishing houses, the Pacific Union Regional Department evangelist, certain members of departmental and special committees reporting to the Council, Theological Seminary representatives, representatives of self-supporting institutions and of Faith for Today and Voice of Prophecy, a number of furlough and returned missionaries and missionary appointees, and several other specially invited persons.

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To open the Council the hymn "The Church Has One Foundation" was used. L.K.Dickson read Isa. 52:1-12, and prayer was offered by A.L.Ham. Royal Sage sang "Is Your All on the Altar of Sacrifice Laid."

The Chairman, R.R.Figuhr, welcomed those present, and words of welcome were also spoken by D.A.Ochs, president of the Columbia Union Conference, and Leslie R. Mansell, pastor of the Takoma Park church.

The Chairman then continued by reading from the Working Policy, page 27, the section "Autumn and Biennial Councils," and suggested that it might be well if a committee were appointed to study the matter of Autumn Councils and the attendance. He reminded us that the eyes of our people around the world are upon this Council where plans are to be initiated and decisions made which will have a definite effect upon our world work. He spoke of troubled world conditions, and that in view of all these things this should be the golden age of the church in experiencing divine power and in dedication to the task given to God's people. He mentioned various encouraging reports of progress in soul-winning evangelism. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a united body, being bound together by a great purpose. "We work here under

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the guidance of the Spirit of God. And as our plans are inspired by this heavenly Messenger and are carried out under His direction, greater prosperity must attend the efforts of God's people in all the earth."

GREETINGS:

The Secretary read greetings from F.A.Mote, R.S.Watts and W.D.Eva, A.F. Tarr, L.C.Naden, M.V.Campbell, and G.J.Appel.

VOTED, That the Secretary be asked to acknowledge these messages of greeting, pledging our support to all these fields and expressing to our workers and church members everywhere our love and loyalty.

DAILY PROGRAM:

The daily program for the Council was adopted as follows:

7:15	A.M.	Breakfast
8:00 - 8:50	"	Officers and Special Committees
9:00 - 10:00	"	Devotional
10:15 - 12:30	P.M.	Council
12:30 - 1:30	"	Lunch
2:00 - 3:30	"	Committees and Boards
3:45 - 5:30	"	Council
5:30 - 7:00	"	Supper
7:30 - 9:00	"	Council or Committees

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Standing Committees as nominated by the Executive Committee were appointed (names of those added from time to time are included here with those nominated at this first meeting) as follows:

Assignment of Additional Personnel to Standing Committees.---A.L.Ham, Chairman; N.W.Dunn, F.L.Peterson.

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L.J.Larson	W.F.Norwood	C.A.Scriven	W.H.Williams
L.J.Leiske	D.A.Ochs	Beaman Senecal	W.R.Wollard
R.E.Loasby	W.B.Ochs	L.A.Senseman	K.H.Wood, Jr.
C.S.Longacre	A.V.Olson	W.H.Shephard	I.J.Woodman
			F.H.Yost

TREASURER'S REPORT:

C.L.Torrey called upon W.H.Williams to present to the Council the Financial Statement for the first six months of 1954, as follows:

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Balance Sheet
June 30, 1954

ASSETS

Cash, Banks & Securities

Cash & Banks	2 557 588 78		
Securities	<u>11 579 659 08</u>	14 137 247 86	

Accounts Receivable

Divisions	195 470 32		
Miscellaneous & Personal	734 964 26		
Publishing Houses	213 421 11		
Transportation Agencies	<u>96 359 39</u>	1 240 215 08	

Inventories & Prepaid Items

Advance Rents & Deposits	447 14		
Air Conditioners Installation	2 840 42		
C.M.E. Building Funds Advance	200 000 00		
Deposits - Airlines, Cables, etc.	3 796 47		
Esda Sales & Service Stock	177 077 84		
Office Supplies & Stock	7 712 52		
Miscellaneous Prepayments	<u>341 61</u>	<u>392 216 00</u>	
Total Assets			<u><u>15 769 678 94</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable

Divisions	1 628 121 91		
Miscellaneous & Personal	345 234 29		
Publishing Houses	<u>109 95</u>	1 973 466 15	

Trust Funds

Famine Relief (Net)	157 084 09		
Miscellaneous	1 299 392 62		
Sustentation Funds	<u>2 828 255 83</u>	4 284 732 54	

Deferred Items

Unexpired Subscriptions	8 988 58		
1954 Special Appropriations Unpaid	<u>9 432 98</u>	<u>18 421 56</u>	
Total Liabilities			6 276 620 25

NET WORTH

Regular

Regular Operating Capital, 1-1-54	6 672 815 37		
Net Gain for six months to 6-30-54	814 498 87		
Total Regular Operating June 30, 1954		7 487 314 24	

Restricted Reserves

Total (for itemization see page 2)		<u>2 005 744 45</u>	
Total Net Worth			<u>9 493 058 69</u>

Total Liabilities & Net Worth

15 769 678 94

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June 30, 1954

Restricted Reserves

Eastern Relief Warehouse		36 000 00
Esda Sales & Service Surplus Earned & Donated		71 831 63
Exchange Reserve		138 429 88
Miami Transportation Provision		4 000 00
Reconstruction Base Orient		204 966 44
Rehabilitation Funds:		
Assigned to Divisions but unused	447 077 04	
Publishing Houses Restoration	100 482 53	
Unassigned General Funds	208 016 10	755 575 67
Securities Fluctuation		794 940 83
Special Appropriations 1954 Reserve	2 794 460 37	
Less Payments for six months	2 794 460 37	
Total Reserves		<u>2 005 744 45</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
and
COMPARISON OF ACTUAL AND AUTHORIZED RESERVES

Reserves and Operating Funds

Reserves as above	2 005 744 45
Trust Funds	4 284 732 54
Cash & Securities Available for Working Capital	7 846 770 87
Total Cash & Securities on Hand June 30, 1954	<u>14 137 247 86</u>

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Actual Capital and Reserves

Cash & Securities Available for Working Capital	7 846 770 87
Deduct: Excess of Accounts Payable & Deferred	
Items over Accounts Receivable, Inventories, etc.	<u>359 456 63</u>
Regular Working Capital June 30, 1954	7 487 314 24

Authorized Capital and Reserves

Operating Fund - 20% of 1953 Appropriations	
and Operating Expenses Amounting to 16 390 433 84	
20% of 16 390 433 84	3 278 086 77
Reserve Funds 20% of 16 390 433 84	<u>3 278 086 77</u>
Total Authorized Reserves	<u>6 556 173 54</u>
 Total in Excess of Authorized Reserves	 <u>931 140 70</u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Operating Statement
For Six Months Ending June 30, 1954

	<u>INCOME</u>		<u>Increase Decrease*</u>
<u>Tithes</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1953</u>	
North America			
Union Tithes (1%)	137 785 56	135 967 51	1 818 05
Percent of Tithes, Regular	2 717 660 86	2 675 928 30	41 732 56
Percent of Tithes, Special	1 340 438 16	1 304 395 28	36 042 88
Miscellaneous	9 734 74	9 112 78	621 96
	<u>4 205 619 32</u>	<u>4 125 403 87</u>	<u>80 215 45</u>
Overseas			
Non-Revertible (1%)	<u>52 133 69</u>	<u>45 278 33</u>	<u>6 855 36</u>
Total Tithes	4 257 753 01	4 170 682 20	87 070 81
<u>Mission Offerings</u>			
North America			
Dollar-A-Week Funds	6 071 840 64	5 899 025 03	172 815 61
Miscellaneous	3 021 74	11 012 19	7 990 45*
General Conf. 1954 Session Off.	175 787 96	-	175 787 96
	<u>6 250 650 34</u>	<u>5 910 037 22</u>	<u>340 613 12</u>
Overseas			
Non-Revertible	<u>744 084 75</u>	<u>722 100 36</u>	<u>21 984 39</u>
Total Mission Offerings	6 994 735 09	6 632 137 58	362 597 51
<u>Miscellaneous Income</u>			
Home			
Dividends, Interest, etc.	276 413 51	204 140 43	72 273 08
Funds Returned & Reclaimed	-	500 00	500 00*
Legacies & Matured Annuities	-	14 879 14	14 879 14*
Miscellaneous Funds	8 006 85	1 639 62	6 367 23
Royalties	891 62	1 426 85	535 23*
Specific Mission Offerings Rec'd.	<u>15 222 53</u>	<u>14 607 94</u>	<u>614 59</u>
	300 534 51	237 193 98	63 340 53
Overseas			
Ingathering & Big Week Revertible	<u>622 704 67</u>	<u>566 495 51</u>	<u>56 209 16</u>
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS	<u>923 239 18</u>	<u>803 689 49</u>	<u>119 549 69</u>
Total Income	12 175 727 28	11 606 509 27	569 218 01
Less Total Expenses (p. 4)	<u>11 361 228 41</u>	<u>10 311 108 80</u>	<u>1 050 119 61</u>
NET GAIN FOR SIX MONTHS	<u>814 498 87</u>	<u>1 295 400 47</u>	<u>480 901 60*</u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Operating Statement
For Six Months Ending June 30, 1954

	<u>EXPENSES</u>		<u>Increase Decrease*</u>
	<u>1954</u>	<u>1953</u>	
<u>Administration</u>			
Salaries & Expense of Departments	532 029 57	477 915 30	54 114 27
Transportation Agencies	24 736 44	21 562 06	3 174 38
General Operating	<u>54 849 01</u>	<u>53 156 58</u>	<u>1 692 43</u>
	611 615 02	552 633 94	58 981 08
<u>Appropriations</u>			
Overseas			
Regular	4 844 999 90	4 234 300 14	610 699 76
Miscellaneous & Fixed	198 728 61	179 101 28	19 627 33
Ingathering & Big Week Reverted	622 704 09	566 495 51	56 208 58
Special Reversions - Central Eur.	68 185 52	86 895 36	18 709 84*
Specific Mission Offerings Disbur.	15 222 53	14 607 94	614 59
Spring in Tithes & Offerings	<u>75 305 92</u>	<u>159 753 05</u>	<u>84 447 13*</u>
Totals	5 825 146 57	5 241 153 28	583 993 29
Home			
Regular	630 910 86	602 101 28	28 809 58
Miscellaneous & Fixed	372 470 78	281 721 76	90 749 02
Ingathering Overflow	1 813 454 24	1 715 590 99	97 863 25
Comeback Funds 18.4%	553 068 25	550 244 45	2 823 80
No. American Missions, Ing. Etc. Rev.	43 614 10	49 247 80	5 633 70*
Non-Tithe Funds Exchanged	<u>1 340 438 16</u>	<u>1 304 395 28</u>	<u>36 042 88</u>
Totals	4 753 956 39	4 503 301 56	250 654 83
<u>Miscellaneous</u>			
1954 Specials Unprovided for	167 705 63	-	167 705 63
<u>Unbudgeted Items</u>			
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>2 804 80</u>	<u>14 020 02</u>	<u>11 215 22*</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>11 361 228 41</u>	<u>10 311 108 80</u>	<u>1 050 119 61</u>

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The Treasurer next requested O.A.Blake, Undertreasurer, to bring to the Council the Budget requests for 1955. These totaled \$23,733,223.04. The total of estimated funds available for base appropriations is \$11,767,174.62.

STATISTICAL REPORT:

The printed Statistical Report for 1953 had been distributed to the delegates, and the Statistical Secretary, H.W.Klaser commented briefly on certain features of the report, such as the encouraging additions to membership and the number of countries and languages in which the church is now working.

ITEMS TO COMMITTEES:

It was agreed that items be referred to the various standing committees as suggested in the listing in the Agenda.

Adjourned to 10:15 A.M. Friday, October 22. After the singing of "Work, for the Night Is Coming," prayer was offered by W.B.Ochs.

R.R.Figuhr, Chairman
W.R.Beach, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

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TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 22, 1954, 10:15 A.M.

The second session of the Council opened with the singing of "Sweet Promise Is Given," and prayer by I.J.Woodman.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE ORDINATION OF MINISTERS:

To fill the need for a statement concerning the high calling of the ministry and the qualifications that should be met before a man is ordained, a recommendation from the General Conference officers was presented, and with amendments was adopted as follows:

We recommend, That the following statement be adopted as a guide in the ordination of ministers:

The setting apart of men for the sacred work of the ministry should be regarded as one of the most vital concerns of the church. The spiritual growth of God's people, their development in the virtues of Christ, as well as their relationship to one another as members of His body, are all closely bound up with and in many respects dependent upon the spirituality, efficiency, and consecration of those who minister in Christ's stead.

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The mind of the Lord concerning the qualifications for the ministry is clearly revealed in the Scriptures. Anciently the minister was known as "the man of God," sometimes "the man of the Spirit." Detailed instructions were given to Moses concerning the qualifications of the priesthood: the priest's dress, his demeanor, his spiritual understanding being emphasized. Then, in order to keep continually before the congregation the high calling of those who served in the tabernacle, the high priest wore on his mitre the words "Holiness unto the Lord."

In the New Testament the picture is just as clear. The apostle Paul speaks of himself as "a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God" (Rom. 1:1). This matter of separation to the ministry was made very clear to him by the Lord Himself when, appearing to him on the Damascus road, He said, "I have appeared unto thee . . . to make thee a minister, . . . delivering thee from the people, . . . unto whom now I send thee, to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God" (Acts 26:16-18). He was delivered or separated from the people and then, as the anointed representative of God, he was sent back to the people to be God's mouthpiece and to open their eyes to the glories of the gospel. Later in writing of the work of the minister he spoke of it as a "high calling."

The Spirit of prophecy says:

"A man can have no greater honor than to be accepted by God as an able minister of the gospel."--Acts of the Apostles, p. 328.

In the Hebrew Epistle we read, "No man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God." (Heb. 5:4)

The proofs of a man's divine call must be clearly evident before the church sets him apart by ordination.

"Ministers should be examined especially to see if they have an intelligent understanding of the truth for this time, so that they can give a connected discourse upon the prophecies or upon practical subjects. If they cannot clearly present Bible subjects, they need to be hearers and learners still. In order to be teachers of Bible truth, they should earnestly and prayerfully search the Scriptures, and become conversant with them. All these things should be carefully and prayerfully considered before men are sent into the field of labor."--Gospel Workers, p. 439.

"A true minister does the work of the Master. He feels the importance of his work, realizing that he sustains to the church and to the world a relation similar to that which Christ sustained. . . . Those who hear him know that he has drawn near to God in fervent, effectual prayer. The Holy Spirit has rested upon him, his soul has felt the vital, heavenly fire, and he is able to compare spiritual things with spiritual. . . . Hearts are broken by his presentation of the love of God, and many are led to inquire, 'What must I do to be saved?'"--Acts of the Apostles, p. 328.

"The conversion of sinners and their sanctification through the truth is the strongest proof a minister can have that God has called him to the ministry. The evidence of his apostleship is written upon the hearts of those converted,

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and is witnessed to by their renewed lives. . . . A minister is greatly strengthened by these seals of his ministry."--Ibid.

For such work a man must indeed be called of God and give clear evidence of his call.

Concerning the examination of ministerial candidates, the Lord's counsel to us is clear:

"There has been too little done in examining ministers; and for this very reason churches have had the labors of unconverted, inefficient men, who have lulled the members to sleep, instead of awakening them to greater zeal and earnestness in the cause of God. There are ministers who come to the prayer meeting, and pray the same old, lifeless prayers over and over; they preach the same dry discourses from week to week and from month to month. . . . The only way in which we can correct this widespread evil, is to examine closely every one who would become a teacher of the Word. Those upon whom this responsibility rests, should acquaint themselves with his history since he professed to believe the truth. His Christian experience and his knowledge of the Scriptures, the way in which he holds present truth, should all be understood. No one should be accepted as a laborer in the cause of God, until he makes it manifest that he has a real, living experience in the things of God."--Gospel Workers, pp. 437,438.

This counsel lays a definite obligation upon the leaders in charge of an ordination service. They should plan for the examination of candidates in such a way that this important procedure shall not be simply perfunctory but give opportunity for a true evaluation of the candidate's fitness. Sufficient time should be made available, particularly in cases where a number of candidates are to be examined. Wherever possible the candidate should plan to have his wife present for the examination, realizing that ordination affects not only the individual but the entire family.

Undue haste has sometimes been apparent in recommending candidates for ordination. On the other hand there has also been undue delay, extending as long as twenty years and more. Both these attitudes are wrong. While no worker should be hurried into ordination, yet it is just as important that when one is ready to be thus set apart, the service should not be unduly delayed. Embarrassment has been brought to workers at times because of being unable to perform certain important ministerial responsibilities. The fact, however, that a ministerial trainee has spent four, five, or even eight years in the field, is of itself no guarantee that he is ready for ordination. One with less ability for evangelistic preaching or who reveals less aptitude than some for other lines of ministerial and pastoral work will naturally take longer to develop. Indeed, some may never qualify for ordination. Those who do not reveal particular ministerial talent and aptitude for definite public leadership should be encouraged to develop as personal soul winners, recognizing that their call is to some other work less distinctly ministerial.

Conference and mission presidents and executive committees should recognize a definite responsibility to foster the growth of younger ministers and should see to it that such are given opportunities where they may develop to their full ministerial capacity. Any plan that diverts the minister-to-be from his actual training and growth is to be discouraged. Injustices have been perpetrated at times when ministerial trainees possessing manual skills

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have been asked to spend long periods serving in other capacities to the neglect of their ministerial development. Such a plan may save the conference money, but it delays the development of the minister.

When a conference gives a young man a ministerial license it should be recognized as a pledge on the part of the conference leadership to foster that worker's growth. And when one accepts a ministerial license he should regard it as a pledge on his part to render the utmost service of which he is capable. Such a license, however, is not a commitment on the part of a conference that ultimate ordination is assured. It merely provides the opportunity for the licentiate to prove his calling. While not all can have the same conditions under which to develop into mature ministers, yet one who is called of God will reveal his calling by his whole manner of life and the burden he carries for those who are still in the prison house of sin. Under some circumstances it is difficult to provide conditions where public evangelism as such can be carried out, but he who is called of the Lord will be able to give proof of his calling and of his aptness for the ministry as a lifework.

In some areas of the world field educational facilities are somewhat limited. If that be the case, it will naturally take longer for a minister to develop his readiness for ordination. Therefore, in consideration of all the varied conditions, it is impossible to specify any definite length of time for the training period of the licentiate. The fact that a licensed minister is assigned to overseas service should not of itself delay his ordination beyond the time it would have taken place had he remained in the homeland. His service record should be passed along to the new field and receive proper evaluation in the recognition of his development. In suitable cases, a licensed minister who is approaching ordination at the time of his foreign call, may be ordained prior to departure.

Before hands of ordination are laid upon a worker he should have given proof of:

- a. Experience in various types of ministerial responsibility.
- b. Definite call to the ministry as a lifework.
- c. Entire consecration of body, soul, and spirit.
- d. Spiritual stability.
- e. Social maturity.
- f. Clear understanding of the Word of God.
- g. Aptness as a teacher of truth.
- h. Ability to lead souls from sin into holiness.
- i. Fruitage in souls won to Christ.
- j. A cooperative attitude and confidence in the organization and functioning of the church.
- k. A life of consistent, exemplary Christian conduct.
- l. An exemplary family.

Ordination of men who have not given clear evidence of their call as soul-saving ministers must be avoided. It will always be true that some men, having been trained for lines of work other than that of the ministry, will in time give proof of their divine call to this sacred work, and the church, recognizing this, will feel called to set them apart by ordination. But such cases will certainly be exceptions. Because one holds a responsible position in the organized work, it must not be considered that he is by that fact alone eligible for ordination.

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There are certain lines of work in the denomination that are not regarded as strictly ministerial, but which provide experience for some ministerial development. A college president, for example, or the principal of an academy, with young people under his care, bears the responsibility not only of their academic training but also their spiritual welfare. He is, therefore, in a sense their pastor, and in association with the Bible teacher is doing actual ministerial work. However, his call to that responsibility is not of itself a basis for ordination. No man's position in this cause, per se, should influence a committee to set him apart to the holy work of the ministry unless, and until, he gives definite proof of his aptitude and his spiritual maturity, and has a conviction in his own soul that God has called him to the ministry as a lifework.

Workers in other capacities such as editors, secretary-treasurers of conferences, and departmental leaders may also come to the place in their service where ordination is appropriate; however, in these cases as in every other, the divine call to the ministry must be clear, before the church, acting as God's representative, separates them to the gospel ministry. Such workers, like all candidates for ministerial credentials, should have the personal conviction that God has called them to the ministry, give evidence of the ministerial call and gift, and be known widely for their piety and ability as soul winners, before their ordination is recommended and decided.

Ordination must never become simply a reward for faithful service or be considered as an opportunity to add title and prestige to a worker. Neither is it an honor to be sought by the individual, or by his family or his friends on his behalf. Such attitudes and tactics seriously minimize the sacredness of the ministry in the eyes of the church.

The ministry is not merely a profession; it is a calling. It is not for a period of time until some other more attractive occupation beckons a man, but it is a lifework. Having put his hand to the plow, one is not free to look backward except at the peril of his soul. The apostle Paul, like the prophets of old, felt himself "under bonds" and he cried out, "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" (1 Cor. 9:16). One who is ordained to the sacred work of the ministry should feel the same responsibility as the apostle of old. And the conference that employs him should feel a definite responsibility to see that he is free to do his God-appointed work.

The simple record of the ordination of the apostles is impressive. "And He goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto Him whom He would: and they came unto Him. And He ordained twelve, that they should be with Him, and that He might send them forth to preach" (Mark 3:13,14). The first office of one ordained to the ministry is that he should be with God. Only then is he qualified to go forth to men to preach the Word of God. One who is thus consecrated and who enjoys constant communion with his Lord will rejoice in the privilege of rendering complete service, refusing to be entangled in business for personal gain and other things of this world that he may, by the grace of God, give complete devotion to the cause he loves. Even when he reaches his retirement years, he should feel the call of God to the same standard of life as he did in his most active years, "that the ministry be not blamed" (2 Cor. 6:3).

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GENERAL CONFERENCE WORKING POLICY REVISIONS:

Recommendations from the meeting of the Home and Foreign Officers, held in San Francisco at the time of the General Conference Session, were brought to the Council, and after discussion and amendment the following was adopted:

We recommend, That the following revisions to the General Conference Working Policy be approved (additions or amendments are underlined):

1. Autumn and Biennial Councils

That paragraph 2 on page 27 be amended to read, "The first, second and fourth Autumn Councils of the General Conference Committee following the regular General Conference Sessions and the annual Spring Meetings of the General Conference Committee, shall be largely devoted to North American Division business."

2. Travel of General Conference Workers' Wives

That paragraph 3, p. 28, setting forth the policy permitting wives of General Conference workers to accompany their husbands on extended overseas visits, be eliminated.

3. Pastoral Committee

That paragraph 7, page 30, of the Organization of Union and Local Conference Session Committees, concerning the work of the Pastoral Committee, be eliminated, inasmuch as another plan is followed to meet this need.

4. Operating Policy for Union and Local Mission

That Article V--Officers and Their Duties, Sec. 1, page 32, be amended to read: "The regular officers of this Union Mission shall be a president, a secretary, and a treasurer, who may also be appointed Union auditor. (The secretary and the treasurer may be one person known as secretary-treasurer.)"

5. Audit Committee, Local Conference

That a new article entitled "Audit Wages and Expenses" be added to the model conference constitution on page 43 as follows: "The auditing committee of the conference shall consist of the members of the conference executive committee and up to three members not in the employ of the conference, appointed annually by the executive committee. This committee acting together with one or more representatives from the union conference shall annually audit the salary and expense of all conference workers and set their salary rate for the ensuing year."

6. North American Division Administrative Committee

a. That paragraph 4, page 49, be reworded to conform to the new policy for the combined War Service Commission.

b. That paragraph 5, page 49, Sec. h, read, "the allocation of ministerial internships, etc."

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c. That a new section be added following line h to read, "The distribution of

- (1) The small conferences fund
- (2) The fund for home-foreign work in North America
- (3) A fund that the General Conference Committee may set aside each year from the Contingency Fund for assignment by this Committee."

d. That paragraph 6, page 50, be amended to read, "Except as provided for under paragraph 5, there shall be no governing or control of funds, etc."

e. That paragraph 11, page 50, be made to harmonize with paragraph 2 on page 27 as amended.

7. Procedure in Calling of Workers

a. That the words Ministerial Internships be dropped from the Committee on Appointees in paragraph 1, page 54.

b. That the underlined words in paragraph 3, page 54, be eliminated, "It shall be the duty of the union office to take the matter up with the local conference or mission officer, who shall pass the call on to the candidate with whatever counsel may be deemed advisable. It is understood that if in the judgment of the division, union or local officers, etc."

c. That line 10, paragraph 4, page 55, be deleted, which reads, "together with such counsel respecting the call as he may desire," and reword the balance of the paragraph to conform to the revised last section of paragraph 3.

8. Credentials and Licenses

a. That the introductory paragraph, page 62, be amended to read as follows: "Official papers are issued all authorized Seventh-day Adventist workers. A list of these papers is given herewith, with a brief explanation."

b. That paragraph 2, page 62, be amended to read, "Missionary Credentials, granted to workers of experience including elementary and secondary teachers, who are not ordained but who are carrying major responsibilities."

c. That paragraph 5, page 62, be amended to read, "Missionary License, granted to regularly employed field, medical and educational workers, and to office, institutional and industrial workers who have been in denominational work for more than five years, and who do not qualify by the nature of their work and experience to receive missionary credentials."

d. That the words "by the local conference" be eliminated from paragraphs 7, 8, and 9.

e. That a new paragraph be added as follows: "Employment cards to be issued by the employing organization to all office, institutional and industrial employees, not holding credentials or licenses from some denominational organization." (The names of those holding only employment cards will not be listed in the Yearbook.)

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f. That the following two lines on page 63 be eliminated: "All credentials and certificates are granted by controlling committees for limited periods," and the next two lines under "Issuing of Credentials and Licenses" be amended to read as follows, "Credentials, licenses and other papers are issued for a designated period as follows:"

g. That paragraph 1, page 63, be amended to read, "By local conference or mission to its laborers, literature evangelists, lay preachers, and workers entitled to papers in conference institutions except as otherwise provided by action of the division committee."

h. That a new paragraph be inserted on page 64 as follows: "Appropriate papers shall be issued to wives of workers who are called to labor in a division other than their home division. Division committees shall determine under what conditions wives of workers shall receive papers in their home divisions."

9. Employment of Former Armed Services Chaplains

That the following paragraph be included in the Army Chaplaincies policy on page 74: "Seventh-day Adventist chaplains in the armed services upon being disconnected from active duty in the service and their availability for denominational employment shall be supported by the General Conference for a period of up to twelve months after discharge, this salary allowance to be granted to the employing organization from the time of employment until the end of the twelve-month period."

10. Appointment of Editors

That the paragraph on page 99, on the Appointment of Editors be amended to read, "In North America the appointment of all senior book editors and editors of the principal denominational journals shall be approved by the General Conference Committee; and in overseas divisions by the respective division committees."

11. Missionary Appointees

That paragraph 6, page 118, be amended to read, "The treasurer shall give the appointee detailed instruction as to finances, routes and modes of travel, baggage, wages prior to departure, or any feature liable to involve expense or calls upon the Treasury, and shall take charge of securing travel accommodations, and shall issue embarkation instructions."

12. Freight and Travel

a. That paragraph 1, a., page 121, be amended to read, "Freight, cartage, handling, as well as necessary packing and crating charges, on the authorized weight of household goods and personal effects, etc."

b. That paragraph 1, a, page 121, last part, be amended to read, "... on 4,000 pounds gross weight for couples and 500 pounds for each child for Class A; 2,500 pounds for couples and 300 pounds for each child for Class B; from 1,250 to 2,000 pounds for Class C, the exact amount to be recommended by the division committee to the General Conference treasury, depending on the

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amount of furniture provided in the living quarters in the mission field, this information to be included in the call sheet."

c. That Class B under Freight Allowances, page 120, be amended to read, "Class B families who are being sent to stations where living quarters are equipped with essential heavy furniture, this to include that required for living room, dining room, bedrooms, and kitchen."

d. That the paragraph 3, page 121, shall include the underlined clauses, "In cases where appointees elect to take to the mission field less than the freight allowance provided for above, division committees shall compensate the appointee in cash in the currency of the country which he leaves at the rate of \$16.00 per hundred pounds or its equivalent value in local currency covering the unused portion of his authorized freight allowance, it being understood, etc."

e. That the following paragraph concerning air travel be inserted on page 121: "When air travel is authorized, air tourist or air coach flights shall be used wherever available at a saving to the organization. On overseas air tourist flights the excess baggage actually paid over the 44-pound limit up to the weight that would be allowed in pounds on the first class flight over the same route is allowed as reportable expense. Such excess baggage allowance is to apply only on the individual's personal effects and necessary equipment and does not include goods carried for others. The expense on goods carried for others is to be borne by the one for whom the goods are carried."

"Where missionaries are requested by the employing organization to proceed to the field by air, thus losing the free baggage allowance granted by steamship companies, the amount of the free baggage allowance thus surrendered will be added to the authorized freight allowance for the missionary."

f. That the following new paragraph be inserted under the freight allowances, page 121: "Where freight weights are not available in pounds but are given in cubic feet that under such circumstances the weights will be computed at the rate of ten pounds to the cubic foot."

13. Furlough Policy

That paragraph 2, page 131, first part, be amended to read: "Children of missionary families sent out from the home fields shall be entitled to furlough privileges with their parents until they reach the age of twenty. However, if employed in the mission field, such children retain their furlough privileges. In case the daughter of a missionary family marries a national or colonial worker, she is entitled to a leave of absence on the same basis as provided in paragraph 5 for a woman worker entitled to furlough privileges who marries a national or colonial worker."

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Adjourned to 2:00 P.M. Benediction by A.J.Gordon.

A.V.Olson, Chairman
H.T.Elliott, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 22, 1954, 2:00 P.M.

The third session of the Council was a joint meeting with the Board of the College of Medical Evangelists. The opening hymn was "The Lord is My Light." Prayer was by W.P.Elliott.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON C.M.E.OBJECTIVES:

The Chairman of the Board of the College of Medical Evangelists declared the Board to be in session, announcements of the meeting having been sent out by the Secretary of the Board. He then stated the purpose of the meeting, which was to receive the report of a committee on College of Medical Evangelists Objectives. This committee was appointed by the Board, at the request of the 1953 Autumn Council, to study the objectives and purposes of the College of Medical Evangelists and to report to this Council.

R.R.Figuhr, chairman of the Committee on C.M.E. Objectives, then made a statement concerning the personnel of the committee, the results of a questionnaire used in its study of the problem, and the widespread interest in the success of the College in assisting the denomination in every way to carry out its divinely-appointed task.

The report of the Committee was read by T.R.Flaiz, its secretary, who before reading the report pointed out that the College of Medical Evangelists today is a product of forty years of work and a reflection of many, many personalities, and that the recommendations should be thought of in terms of broad operating policy.

After discussion and amendment the recommendations were adopted as follows:

The College of Medical Evangelists was founded as a Seventh-day Adventist educational institution. The founding principles of the College of Medical Evangelists are considered as sacred and important today as they were from the beginning. They are to remain the abiding foundation of the College. In fact, the success of the College will be measured by its adherence to these principles.

Consistent with the faith and the world program of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, the objectives of the College of Medical Evangelists are as follows:

1. To maintain in its attitude and policies of operation the standards of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
2. To provide the student opportunity for building a solid foundation of knowledge, to assist in the attainment of professional skills, to motivate a spirit of sound research and a desire to participate in the advancement of knowledge.

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3. To assist in the development of a well-balanced sense of values as revealed in spiritual, intellectual, and ethical attitudes. To guide students in the formation of a Christian character as the first requisite to life's work. To engender and nurture the desire to give selfless service to mankind, and in particular to give service in the activities sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in this country and in all lands of the earth.

4. To conduct a school where the true principles of Christian education shall be recognized in training young people to go out as representatives of the Great Healer. The well-trained intellect, as well as the skillful hand, are essential to the most efficient service in ministering to afflicted, sin-burdened humanity; and yet in acquiring this knowledge and training, the essential thing is to maintain that close, vital connection with the Source of all wisdom and skill, apart from which the best efforts can be of no avail in advancing the cause of the Master.

5. To combine the healing art with the preaching of the gospel, which was first accomplished in the life, teaching and practice of the Great Physician, of whom it is written: "He went about preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing all manner of diseases among the people." It is the firm belief of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination that the healing ministry must include the spiritual, mental and physical.

6. To give students a thorough education and training such as will equip them for medical missionary work either in foreign fields or in medical missionary enterprises which are being carried on in this country by the denomination.

The bulletins of the various schools within the College of Medical Evangelists should include a concise and accurate statement of the history of the College in relationship to its objectives and development and in the light of the purposes of the denomination for the College. The bulletin should also include a full statement of objectives harmonizing with the foregoing six paragraphs.

Organization of the College of Medical Evangelists

In view of the growth of the several schools now offering work in connection with the College of Medical Evangelists, and in order to give each school equal opportunity in administrative functions, and for the purpose of drawing the College of Medical Evangelists more closely in line with policies governing the family of Seventh-day Adventist colleges,

We recommend, 1. That the educational potential of the College of Medical Evangelists be more fully utilized in the direction of a wider graduate program to include areas in which our present facilities and our present faculty are prepared to serve the denomination more nearly to capacity, it being understood that all plans for offering graduate work shall be approved by the Autumn Council as are graduate programs in our other denominational colleges; and

2. That we revise the plan of administration in the direction of economy and uniformity, placing the administration on essentially the same basis as to personnel and scale of remuneration for administrative officers as that which prevails in the administration of our other senior colleges;

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3. That, in order to implement this plan, the Board follow the policy of appointing educators of broad experience in our work as presidents of the College of Medical Evangelists.

Spirit of Sacrifice and Service

We recommend, That we appeal to all our administrative officers and faculty members to teach by precept and example a spirit of real sacrifice and a willingness for denominational service, and that they make this ideal more prominent in their personal living and classroom instructions so as to more fully inculcate into the thinking of all our students at the College of Medical Evangelists a desire to carry out original objectives for our denominational work.

Faculty Meetings

We recommend, That the president of the College of Medical Evangelists arrange to hold regular faculty meetings when as many of the teaching staff of the College as can possibly do so meet for united study of the work of the College and for the spiritual and professional fellowship which will result in greater devotion to their common cause and in a stronger morale for the conduct of their denominationally assigned task. The Friday evening Faculty prayer meeting can and will be the same blessing to the College of Medical Evangelists as it has been in our other colleges.

Teachers and the Spirituality of the Students

We recommend, That our teachers in the College of Medical Evangelists be encouraged to foster continually in the classroom and on the campus a strong spiritual influence, thus aiding in the spiritual growth of all the students.

Bible Instruction

We recommend, 1. That Bible be given a prominent place in the curricula of the various schools of the College of Medical Evangelists and that Bible grades enter into the over-all scholastic record and standing of each student.

2. That the Bible courses be of a practical approach to Bible truths and set forth our Seventh-day Adventist philosophy of religion.

3. That the Bible teachers include in their courses some practical field experience in both the Loma Linda and the Los Angeles divisions.

4. That a small committee be appointed to study the Bible courses now being offered, and then prepare a detailed outline of each Bible course which should be included in the curricula, this committee to report to the C.M.E. Board. Such a committee might well be composed of representatives from the General Conference Educational Department, a C.M.E. medical educator, the Bible Department of C.M.E., one Bible teacher from one of our senior colleges, and a representative of the Theological Seminary.

Selection of Students

We recommend, That a special committee be appointed to give very thorough study to the principles and procedures of selecting and admitting

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students into the schools of the College of Medical Evangelists, the committee to be made up of representatives from the Medical and Dental schools, union conference presidents, senior college presidents, a representative of our overseas divisions, the Educational and Medical departments of the General Conference, and an officer of the General Conference, this committee to report to the C.M.E. Board.

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W.P.Elliott, Chairman of the C.M.E. Board, declared the Board recessed.

GENERAL CONFERENCE WORKING POLICY REVISIONS:

Consideration of the recommendations from the Home and Foreign Officers meeting in San Francisco on revisions of the Working Policy, was resumed. The following recommendations were adopted after certain editorial changes:

14. Freight Policy--Permanently Returned Workers

That paragraph 3, page 148, be revised to read: "The division is responsible for transporting a permanently returned worker with his authorized freight, to the field in the homeland in which he has been called to labor or to his former home as may be recommended by the Committee on Allowances and Adjustments, the General Conference assuming the responsibility in all other cases. If the worker is not immediately placed upon arrival in the homeland, necessitating his setting up housekeeping, the General Conference, upon his accepting a call, will move his personal effects and household goods in use in his first place of residence to his place of permanent employment including goods actually brought from the mission field, provided that in no case shall the total amount moved be more than 4,000 pounds for couples plus 500 pounds for each child.

15. Expense of Missionaries on Furlough

That paragraph a, page 143, last part, be amended to read, " . . . he may report the actual travel expense incurred in meeting such appointments up to a maximum of 100 miles per week. Said expense shall be met by the General Conference."

16. Extension of Furlough

a. That paragraph 22, page 135 of the Working Policy be revised to read as follows: "A worker returning on furlough and remaining longer than the authorized furlough period because of ill-health or for personal reasons, is to receive salary after termination of furlough period only by authorization from the General Conference Committee. Extension of furlough for educational reasons for himself or members of his family shall be by recommendation of the division committee prior to the missionary's departure for furlough. When the worker elects to remain away from his mission field beyond the authorized furlough period for reasons not recommended by the division or General Conference, consideration shall be given as to the responsibility of the worker for his own support in full or in part during this additional furlough time."

b. That paragraph 23, section b, be amended to read: "In order to bring about this result, the division shall after counsel with the missionary and his employing organization send to the General Conference Secretary in advance

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of the missionary's return, specific information regarding the qualifications of the missionary for various types of work, and definite recommendations regarding the use of his time while on furlough. The division shall instruct the missionary to communicate with the secretary of the General Conference or the secretary of the home division where he is furloughing immediately on arrival for counsel and authorization concerning his furlough plans as recommended by the overseas division and approved by the General Conference."

c. That section c, page 136, be deleted and the remaining paragraphs be arranged in proper sequence.

17. Placement and Support of Returned Missionaries

That the following additions to the Working Policy, page 148, be inserted following paragraph 4:

"5. While the salary and moving expense provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 apply in the arrangements between the General Conference and organizations employing a permanently returned missionary, they are not an assurance to the worker of employment or continued support for the periods indicated. The worker is advised to secure or accept employment as soon as possible upon his return, unless prevented by health conditions. If not soon employed, the provisions of paragraph 12 will apply."

"6. If a missionary who has returned home on furlough basis, decides without the concurrence of his employing division, after some months of his furlough are past, to remain in the homeland permanently, the date of his sailing from the mission field shall be the date from which the salary provisions of paragraph 2 are calculated in negotiating for placement or for final settlement. If, however, the missionary's decision to remain in the homeland is because of ill-health or if his employing division initiates the request for permanent return, the date for calculating the salary provision of paragraph 2 shall be the date of the action of the General Conference Committee granting the permanent return.

"7. If before action by the General Conference Committee authorizing or approving the permanent return of a missionary, there are between the missionary and some institution or organization in the homeland irregular negotiations which disrupt the plans of the division for the missionary and result in his permanent return and employment in the homeland, the salary and moving expense provided in this policy shall be borne by the institution or organization securing the worker's services."

18. Honorary Credentials to Retired Ministers

That the following paragraph be added to the section entitled "Ministers From Other Denominations" on page 73 of the Working Policy:

"6. Honorary Ministerial Credentials may be granted after careful consideration by the union committee concerned, to ordained ministers of other denominations residing in their territory who have become members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and who have retired from active service and therefore do not come under the foregoing provisions. The issuing of such honorary credentials does not carry with it any financial obligation. Such ministers shall exercise ministerial functions only in counsel with their

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local conference office or other Seventh-day Adventist ministers in their community as do other retired ministers holding similar papers."

19. Short Term Policy for Single Women

That the following be included in the Working Policy as a new section:

"When to meet some special need and where no language study is involved, overseas divisions call single women missionaries on a special short term basis of two years, the following provisions shall apply:

"1. Financial Allowances

- a. Outfitting Allowance of \$125
- b. Freight allowance of 700 pounds including crating, packing and allowance for Customs (Customs actually paid on up to \$125 valuation of goods)
- c. The cost of travel to visit parents, such travel to be to one point only
- d. Salary for one month prior to date of sailing
- e. The above charges shall be borne by the calling division.
- f. Fully furnished living quarters shall be provided including all furniture and equipment except the following: Silverware, dishes, cooking utensils, curtains, linens, and bedding.

"2. Rehabilitation and Returning Freight Allowances

- a. A rehabilitation allowance shall be granted in the amount of \$125 if the worker returns after the completion of two years of mission service. If for any reason the term of service is less than two years the General Conference shall be authorized to pro-rate the rehabilitation allowance.
- b. A returning allowance for freight, crating and packing on 500 pounds of personal effects shall be allowed.
- c. A worker returning after the completion of a special short term appointment shall be allowed up to a maximum of three months' salary from the date of sailing from the mission field provided there is no opportunity for placement in the homeland before that time. Should the worker return by other than the regular direct routing, the additional expense and time involved shall be for the account of the worker.
- d. The overseas division shall be responsible for returning the worker to the place from which she was called in the homeland.
- e. The above listed rehabilitation and return expenses shall be chargeable to the overseas division in which the worker serves.
- f. In cases where it is arranged for the short-term worker to continue in the field for the full term, adjustments shall be made in all outfitting, freight, and other allowances so as to bring them into harmony with the policy for regular full-term missionary appointees.
- g. No financial assistance shall be granted organizations employing a returned short-term worker, the worker being informed of this when considering the call.

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MEETINGS IN 1955--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the officers be asked to appoint a committee to study the requests for departmental and other meetings to be held in 1955, the committee report to be presented to the Plans Committee.

(Report in hadco minutes)

Adjourned to 10:15 A.M. Sunday, October 24. Prayer by W.P. Bradley.

A.V. Olson, Chairman
H.T. Elliott, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

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TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 24, 1954, 10:15 A.M.

The fourth session of the Council convened briefly for announcements, immediately following the devotional service, and then adjourned to 3:45 P.M. October 24.

L.K. Dickson, Chairman
E.E. Roenfelt, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

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TWENTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 24, 1954, 3:45 P.M.

The fifth session of the Council was opened with the singing of "Tell Me the Old, Old Story." Prayer by H.K. Halladay.

WORKING POLICY REVISIONS:

Recommendations concerning Working Policy revisions, from the Home and Foreign Officers 1954 San Francisco meeting, were adopted after discussion and amendment, as follows:

21. Ingathering Funds in Overseas Divisions '1

1. That the attention of all overseas fields be called to the importance of properly handling Ingathering funds, emphasizing the following principles:

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a. That all Ingathering monies are General Conference funds, are passed in through regular denominational channels to the General Conference Treasury and are reappropriated to the divisions in harmony with the policy.

b. That in every case, the division committee shall approve the project to which Ingathering funds coming to them by reversion from the General Conference shall be allotted.

c. That in no case shall division Ingathering funds be used to meet the regularly recurring expense of the budget.

d. That divisions should if possible reserve a substantial portion of the Ingathering funds for the support of major projects being fostered by the division committee rather than appropriating such funds entirely on the basis of the amount raised in each union, it being understood however that an appropriation by reversion to the unions of a definite percentage of the Ingathering funds raised may be found desirable.

Medical Appointees Indebtedness

We recommend, That section 3, page 119, of the Working Policy be revised to read:

"In the case of medical appointees whose total indebtedness, including personal indebtedness, College of Medical Evangelists deferred tuition notes and student loan notes, does not exceed \$2,000, a contingent appropriation of up to \$1,500, may be granted in order to reduce the indebtedness to \$500. The appointee shall sign notes for the amount of assistance thus given him beyond the \$500, these notes to be cancelled by the General Conference up to the first \$1,000, and by the overseas calling division up to the next \$500, at the rate of 20 per cent for each year the appointee serves in the mission field until the whole amount is cared for. (The General Conference and division amortization shall run concurrently.)

"Ordinarily no appointee shall be allowed to go to the field with a net indebtedness in excess of \$500 after receiving the assistance provided above. Exceptions may be made by the General Conference Committee with the concurrence of the Division Committee in cases of unusual experience, qualification or need in the field.

"If the \$500 indebtedness to be carried by the medical appointee includes deferred tuition notes or student loan notes, the College of Medical Evangelists shall be authorized to send annual charges of 20 per cent of the appointee's account to the General Conference which in turn shall debit the division concerned, and the division the medical appointee in the field.

"Should the appointee be returned to the homeland before the indebtedness is liquidated, and employed by the denomination, the employing organization shall replace the division and the General Conference in carrying out the terms of liquidation."

DEFINITION--FOREIGN MISSIONARY:

A recommendation from the meeting of Home and Foreign Officers in San Francisco, was adopted as follows:

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We recommend, That in making up our statistical reports and records, the term "foreign missionary" shall apply:

1. To workers sent from one division to another division except those sent to labor in the home base areas of North America, Europe and Australia.
2. To workers sent within divisions from home base areas to territories assigned and designated by the General Conference as mission fields in those divisions.

WAGES AND ALLOWANCES:

The report of the special committee on the Fabric and Philosophy of Denominational Wages, was next considered. Recommendations of this committee were amended and adopted as follows:

Policies Reaffirmed

We recommend, 1. That our denominational position regarding wages, which recognizes that the principle of sacrifice is to be applied to the wage scale in all categories of our work, be reaffirmed.

2. That since our experience as a denomination has demonstrated the basic soundness of the present plan of financial remuneration which has become historic among us, we shall be well advised in adhering to its general principles.

3. That we continue our practice of providing foreign missionaries with financial support sufficient to enable them to live under conditions comparable to those of their homelands so far as this is practicable.

4. That we adhere to the present General Conference medical allowance policy, counseling all organizations to work within its limits.

5. That the educational allowances policy voted by the 1953 Autumn Council be reaffirmed.

Daily Allowance

We recommend, 1. That the daily travel allowance for workers while traveling in North America and for workers employed by denominational organizations in North America and traveling abroad, be \$4.00.

2. That the full daily travel allowance apply during the entire time of absence from headquarters on authorized denominational business except as follows:

a. When fully entertained so that all meals are provided, the daily travel allowance shall be \$1.00.

b. When traveling by steamer or other conveyance where the ticket entitles the traveler to all regular meals, the daily allowance shall be \$1.00.

c. When located away from home and family for a definite time, as in case of evangelistic efforts, postgraduate studies, attendance at the Theological

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Seminary, etc., the daily allowance shall be \$4.00 while traveling; and while settled in the temporary lodging, the appropriate committee shall determine if an allowance shall be granted and fix the amount.

d. When the worker is obliged to purchase one or more meals on the day he begins or ends his journey, and on days when he is partially entertained, from one-half to the full daily allowance may be reported, as determined by the employing organization.

Financial Courtesies Discontinued

We recommend, That financial courtesies extended to certain institutional department heads which violate the principle of equity expressed in the graduated wage scale, be discontinued.

Additions and Adjustments to Wage Scale in North America

We recommend, 1. That the following be added to the Medical Institutions section of the 1954 Wage Scale:

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Administrators of union conference sanitariums	55 75	69 50
" " local " "	49 50	66 25

2. That the following adjustments in the 1954 Wage Scale be made:

<u>General Conference</u>	<u>Present Maximum</u>	<u>New Maximum</u>
Field Secretaries	69 00	69 50
<u>All Organizations</u>		
Cashier-accountants--Women	46 00	47 00
<u>Secondary Schools</u>		
Matron	49 00	48 00
<u>Senior Colleges</u>		
Librarians--Women	49 00	51 00
Instructors--Men	58 25	*60 00
Instructors--Women	46 00	47 00
<u>Junior Colleges</u>		
Librarians--Women	47 25	48 00
Dean of Women	46 25	48 00
Matron	46 25	48 00
Registrars--Women	47 25	48 00
Instructors--Men	59 00	60 00
*Plus \$1.00 if head of department		

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The committee report was still under consideration at the time of adjournment, and it was agreed that study of the recommendations be resumed at 3:45 P.M. Monday, October 25.

Adjourned to 7:30 P.M., October 24.

Prayer by H.D.Singleton.

L.K.Dickson, Chairman
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

THIRTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 24, 1954, 7:30 P.M.

The sixth session of the Council opened with use of the hymn, "We'll Build on the Rock." Prayer by C.S.Longacre. A tenor solo, "The Voice of One Crying in the Wilderness," was sung by Louis B. Reynolds, editor of The Message Magazine.

GREETINGS FROM OVERSEAS:

The Secretary read greetings from the Central European Division and from Adventist servicemen in Korea assembled in congress there. It was

VOTED, That the message from Central Europe be acknowledged, and that a message of greeting be sent to the Servicemen's Congress in Korea pledging our continued interest and support as they uphold the banners of truth in the service of God and country.

WORKING POLICY REVISIONS:

Further Working Policy revisions recommended by the General Conference officers were presented to the Council, and the following recommendations adopted:

Overseas Workers from Other Organizations

We recommend, That paragraph 13, page 133 of the Working Policy be eliminated. This paragraph reads: "When such workers are employed by our organization, responsibility for their sustentation support shall rest upon the division from which the worker originally comes."

Furlough Policy

We recommend, That paragraph 1, page 130 of the Working Policy be amended to read as follows: (Amended sections underlined) "Furloughs are primarily allowed our missionaries in order to provide a period of change and rest in the

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more favorable environment of the homeland thereby conserving their health. Furloughs also give opportunity to stimulate interest in missions among the home churches and conferences as the worker from overseas visits them with his up-to-date reports. In general, it is planned to have a five to seven year term of service with a six to twelve months furlough, but exceptions are made to this general rule on account of the various conditions in the different fields. While the granting of furloughs entails heavy expense, we recognize that this arrangement is necessary and in the end is an economy of workers and means. Division committees shall, however, exercise strict economy in arranging for furloughs.

"Appointment of the worker to the mission field is to be considered as a call to life service. It usually requires many years for one to acquire a practical knowledge of a foreign language, and to become sufficiently familiar with the habits and customs of the country for his service to become most fruitful. Then added years of experience in the field greatly increase the missionary's efficiency. No worker should conclude because of furlough provisions that his appointment is for a single term of service only."

Clarification of Furlough Policy

We recommend, 1. That those who are or have been under denominational direction either as regular employees or as sponsored students, if they leave their home division for study or service, and are later recalled to the home division, neither they nor their families are entitled to furlough or leave of absence to another division while serving in the home division. This provision is not affected by any experience abroad such as denominational service, schooling, change in citizenship, or family connection except as provided in paragraph 2, page 131 of the Working Policy.

2. That the home division of a missionary be understood to be the division where the worker entered denominational employ, except as otherwise provided elsewhere under the furlough and sustentation policies. (See paragraphs 2, page 131; 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, pages 207, 208.)

Leave of Absence Policy

We recommend, That the Leave of Absence policy, as found beginning on page 140, be amended to read as follows:

"30. When a worker is called from one division to another, we recognize the furlough policy as applying, except as among the North American Division and the homelands of the Australasian and European divisions. While there is no regular furlough policy for laborers called from other divisions to labor in Australia, New Zealand, Europe, and North America, there is a general understanding that such workers may be granted a leave of absence of three months exclusive of travel time once in eight years by action of the division committee in consultation with the General Conference Committee.

"a. During such leaves of absence, where the salary rate in the worker's homeland division differs from that in which the worker is currently being paid, the higher rate shall apply but neither freight nor outfitting shall be allowed. Division committees may, however, give consideration to special cases where workers are called to labor in lands where differences in languages create a certain isolation or in areas of unfavorable salary rates."

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Paragraph c to be omitted.

MISSIONARY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO THE HOMELAND:

Recommendations from the General Conference officers were adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, There is a tendency on the part of missionaries after a period of service abroad to emigrate to a division other than their homeland, this frequently occurs subsequent to or in connection with furloughs or leaves of absence in such divisions; and

WHEREAS, Such emigration, while it may provide some material advantages to the family concerned, deprives the home field of the benefit of their furlough or leave of absence visit, with its stimulation of interest in missions, and also of the service of seasoned and experienced workers at the conclusion of their missionary term,

We recommend, 1. That home division leaders be encouraged to lay upon the hearts of missionary recruits when they are called from their homeland, the responsibility and privilege of keeping alive the missionary interest of the members of their home churches and conferences.

2. That missionaries be requested to make frequent reports to home papers, and by personal letters to church and conference leaders give interesting experiences of conversions and of outstanding loyalty and self-sacrifice on the part of converts in mission lands.

3. That missionaries plan to spend their furloughs in their home divisions where they can bring fresh reports from the mission field, inspiring the leaders and members to even greater devotion in support of our worldwide missions program, and also encourage the young people of our churches and educational institutions to dedicate their lives and their talents to similar life service for the Master in the cause of missions.

EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION:

Further recommendations from the General Conference officers were adopted, as follows:

We recommend, The following revisions concerning the educational policies as appear in the Working Policy (pages 80 and 81):

Association of Educational Institutions

In order to establish a closer fraternal relationship among the Seventh-day Adventist professional schools, colleges, training schools, and secondary schools, an organization has been brought into existence which is known as the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Institutions of Higher Education and Secondary Schools.

Member institutions are the denominationally owned and controlled graduate and professional schools, colleges, junior colleges, and secondary schools, and, in the divisions other than North America, the higher institutions and training schools and the secondary schools maintained by their respective

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divisions, or administrative subdivisions, and operated in harmony with the aims and policies approved by the educational boards and executive committees of the divisions in which the schools are located.

It is the particular concern of the Association to assist member institutions in identifying, reaching, and maintaining adequate standards in administration, management, teaching, scholarship, Christian worship and service and citizenship, character training, and health education, and to assist the church in understanding and giving support to its system of schools.

The Advisory Committee of the Department of Education of the General Conference is also the advisory committee of the Association. The secretary and^{an} associate secretary of the Department of Education shall be the officers of the Association in harmony with our general policies governing the General Conference Department of Education.

Accreditation of Educational Institutions

1. (Substitute for 1,3, pages 80 and 81.) Each division shall set up a Board of Regents, and these boards shall be the accrediting bodies of the Association, particularly as relates to denominational aims and standards and the application of curriculum and methods of the Christian philosophy of education.

2. (Substitute for 2, page 81.) Accreditation of educational institutions by agencies other than those provided within the denomination shall be on the following bases:

a. Officialization by an agency, bureau, or department of government, shall be undertaken only with the approval of the division, upon recommendation of the union conference or mission in which the school is located.

b. Accreditation by non-governmental agencies or organizations shall be sought only with the approval of the union conference or mission in which the school is located, upon recommendation of the board of control of the school, or as division policies may direct, except for General Conference institutions, in which case accreditation or change of status with accrediting agencies, shall be sought only with the approval of the General Conference Committee.

Educational Boards and Committees

1. Division Educational Board.

a. In every division except North America there shall be organized a division educational board.

b. This board shall be appointed by the division executive committee which shall also designate its chairman.

c. The board, unless the division committee votes otherwise, shall meet in full session at least once every two years. Minority meetings of the board may be called on authorization of the division committee.

d. The functions and responsibilities of the division educational board shall include the following:

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(1) To act as advisory committee for the division committee on all types and levels of educational problems, policies, standards, and practices.

(2) To advise the division committee with regard to the establishment of schools and raising the rank of schools.

(3) To make recommendation to the committee with reference to the selection and printing of all textbooks and publications.

e. Actions of the division educational board shall become operative only when approved by the division committee.

f. In order to be valid, the actions, policies, and standards adopted by the division educational board must be in harmony with the educational policies of the General Conference; further,

We recommend, That the educational secretaries of the overseas divisions be members of the advisory committee of the General Conference Department of Education.

TEACHERS' IN-SERVICE DEVELOPMENT POLICY:

We recommend, The following plan for a Teachers' In-Service Development Policy:

WHEREAS, There is need of providing in-service development of teachers and school administrators throughout the world, particularly in fields in which the limited number of advanced schools makes it difficult or impossible to move teachers from one institution to another; and

WHEREAS, The value of in-service development has been significantly demonstrated, in broadened outlook and the prevention of provincialism, in educators who have had opportunity to observe and to participate in educational programs in countries other than their own; and

WHEREAS, The world-wide message and work of Seventh-day Adventists requires that those who train the future workers of the denomination and educate its laymen have insights, sympathies, and information transcending national boundaries and divisional lines of demarkation; and,

WHEREAS, Educational administrators would willingly participate in such a plan for their teachers, were it not that institutional funds are lacking; therefore,

We recommend, That in view of the need of wider training and service opportunities for teachers in Adventist advanced training schools, particularly in fields where it is difficult or impossible to move teachers from one school to another within the division,

1. The General Conference look with favor upon the development of plans to give assistance to educational institutions in overseas divisions who undertake to send teachers or school administrators to another division for teaching or for a combination of teaching and further study on a short-term basis.

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2. Contractual arrangements be made in each case obligating the teacher or administrator so favored to return to his own field to continue his service.

3. The sending division (including the institution involved) bear two thirds and the General Conference one third of the transportation expenses, while the receiving institution shall bear the responsibility of providing full or partial salary according to the services rendered.

4. The Department of Education of the General Conference be authorized to act in a preliminary capacity to coordinate such transfers of teachers or administrators and to undertake their orientation, it being understood that arrangements under this plan will be finalized by the General Conference Committee.

LITERATURE EVANGELIST SCHOLARSHIPS NON-SDA SCHOOLS:

We recommend, That the benefits of the literature evangelist scholarship plan be extended to those who with the approval of the conference publishing committee enroll in non-Seventh-day Adventist schools for courses which they need but which are not offered in our own schools. In all such cases the discount shall be 20% instead of the usual 30%, since the school would not participate; and the usual transportation allowance is not included in such scholarships.

RELATIONSHIPS TO CIVIL GOVERNMENTS AND WAR:

We recommend, That the following be the form in which our declaration of Relationships to Civil Government and War be published:

Genuine Christianity manifests itself in good citizenship and loyalty to civil government. The breaking out of war among men in no way alters the Christian's supreme allegiance and responsibility to God or modifies his obligation to practice his beliefs and put God first.

This partnership with God through Jesus Christ, who came into this world not to destroy men's lives but to save them, causes Seventh-day Adventists to take a noncombatant position, following their Divine Master in not taking human life, but rendering all possible service to save it. In their accepting the obligation of citizenship, as well as its benefits, their loyalty to government requires them to serve the state in any noncombatant capacity, civil or military, in war or peace, in uniform or out of it, which will contribute to saving life, asking only that they may serve in those capacities which do not violate their conscientious convictions.

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Recommendations from the General Conference officers and union conference presidents were considered and adopted as follows:

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COUNCIL ON INDEBTEDNESS:

We recommend, That during the Autumn Council of 1955, the union and local presidents give study to the problem of indebtedness.

MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS:

We recommend, That the following paragraph be added to the section "Ministers from Other Denominations," pages 73 and 74 of the Working Policy:

"6. Those who enter the Seminary under this plan shall look to the union and local conferences which recommend them for guidance in their future work upon the completion of their seminary training."

COLORED DEPARTMENT--CHANGE OF NAME:

We recommend, That the term "Colored Department of the General Conference" be changed to "Regional Department of the General Conference."

CHAIRMEN AND SIZE OF NOMINATING COMMITTEES:

We recommend, That the General Conference Working Policy, page 30, paragraphs 3 and 5, be revised to provide:

1. That the chairman of the Nominating Committee at the local conference session be the president of the union or, in his absence, one designated by him shall be named to serve as chairman; and it is further recommended that the nominating committee consist of from seven to eleven members.

2. That the chairman of the nominating committee at the union conference session be the president of the division or one of the division officers; and it is further recommended that the committee consist of from eleven to seventeen members.

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The following recommendations from the Finance Committee were next considered, and were adopted by the Council:

INCREASE IN MISSIONARY FREIGHT ALLOWANCE:

We recommend, That the following be added to the Working Policy, page 121, paragraph 1:

"c. When missionaries are appointed to mission stations, especially in the interior, where no household furniture or equipment is provided by the organization and where such household furniture and equipment is not available for purchase at reasonable prices in the mission field, the mission appointees' freight allowance may be increased as follows:

Class A (man and wife)	Additional 1000 lbs. allowance.
(No increased allowance for dependent children)	
Class C (single worker)	Additional 500 lbs. allowance.

"The above increased freight allowances to be granted by the General Conference in counsel with the division concerned."

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MOVING ALLOWANCE:

We recommend, That the Working Policy, page 168, be revised to read:

"Where families with established furnished homes are asked by the employing organization to move, an allowance of \$50 will be granted in addition to packing, cartage, and freight charges."

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The Council was adjourned to 10:15 A.M. Monday, October 25. "Trust and Obey" was sung in closing, with prayer by E.L.Branson.

L.K.Dickson, Chairman
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

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THIRTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 25, 1954, 10:00 A.M.

The seventh session of the Council used as the opening hymn, "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts." Prayer by Arthur L. Edeburn.

The Council recessed immediately, giving time to the legal meetings advertised for this hour.

INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY:

A meeting of the International Insurance Company of Takoma Park, Md. was called by the president, H.L.Rudy. W.A.Benjamin, the secretary of the Company, requested V.L.Sanders to present the report, and H.W.Barrows read the Auditors' Statement concerning the Financial Statement. The report was adopted, and the Nominating Committee of the Council having been asked to nominate persons to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors, the following were elected: O.A. Blake for the two-year term expiring in 1956; H.L.Rudy, W.R.Beach, C.L.Torrey, and H.T.Elliott, for the three-year term expiring in 1957. The meeting was adjourned sine die.

INTERNATIONAL TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION:

A.V.Olson, president of the International Temperance Association, took the chair. W.A.Scharffenberg, executive secretary, with his associate, W.H. Beaven, reported on recent developments in Europe and Asia and plans for holding schools similar to the School of Alcohol Studies fostered by the Association. R.H.Pierson, formerly of Southern Asia, and D.W.Holbrook of Peru gave interesting experiences in connection with temperance work. The meeting was then adjourned.

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AMERICAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY:

President H.L.Rudy of the American Temperance Society called a meeting of that organization, during which W.A.Scharffenberg, secretary, and H.F.Brown, associate secretary, presented reports on activities of the Society, and C.L.Bond and R.L.Benton cited experiences in meeting current issues in Washington and California. W.H.Beaven spoke of the effect of the use of the film recently produced and the situation in the campaign against tobacco. It was voted to request the Autumn Council to arrange for a meeting of union conference presidents, union conference treasurers, union conference Temperance secretaries, one local conference president from each union, and the members of the American Temperance Society Executive Council. The American Temperance Society was adjourned.

The Council then reconvened briefly, and was adjourned to 3:45 P.M., October 25. Prayer by C.L.Bond.

H.L.Rudy, Chairman
F.L.Peterson, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

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THIRTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 25, 1954, 3:45 P.M.

The eighth session of the Council convened after singing "Thine Be the Glory," and prayer by W.E.Guthrie.

The Chairman introduced further consideration of the report of the Wage Committee, and with amendments recommendations were adopted as follows:

SALARY INCREASE IN NORTH AMERICA:

We recommend, 1. That the 1954 Wage Scale as adjusted be revised to provide in both minimum and maximum rates an increase of \$3.00 weekly for heads of families and \$1.50 weekly for all other salaried workers.

2. That the salary increase contemplated in this recommendation apply only to those who are being remunerated in harmony with the regular denominational wage scale.

3. That this increase become operative during the year 1955 as conference committees and institutional boards can arrange their budgets.

4. That in the case of medical institutions, the increase be implemented by the controlling boards and adjusted within the limits of the prevailing wage pattern in the community, but not above the amount suggested in these recommendations.

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5. That any irregularities in the present application of the wage scale be corrected when the proposed increases are being effected, so that all rates will be in harmony with the denominational wage scale.

6. That the sustentation policy, paragraph 76, be revised to provide \$90 monthly for fifteen years of service, with \$3.15 monthly for each additional year as at present, making a maximum of \$168.75 for forty or more years of service.

RENT SUBSIDY:

We recommend, That the rent subsidy policy, page 167, paragraph 1, of the General Conference Working Policy, be revised to read:

"1. A denominational worker is ordinarily not obliged to pay as rent, exclusive of furnishings, heat, gas, light, and water, more than 11% of his salary on the wage scale adopted at the 1954 Autumn Council of the General Conference Committee."

OVERSEAS SERVICE AND SUSTENTATION:

We recommend, That the General Conference officers be asked to name a committee to study the question of extra service credit toward sustentation in cases of those who lose their health in foreign mission service.

SHORT TERM WORKERS BENEFIT PLAN:

We recommend, That the Short Term Workers Benefit Plan adopted by the General Conference Committee on April 9, 1952, be rescinded.

REVIEW AND HERALD CIRCULATION:

Time was granted R.J.Christian to present the matter of promotion of the circulation of the Review and Herald and plans for enlarged service to the denomination through increasing the size of the periodical at no increase in cost.

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A series of recommendations from the Finance Committee was presented, and adopted as follows:

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY:

We recommend, That the General Conference and the conferences in North America provide an annual appropriation of \$25,000 to the American Bible Society, the General Conference to provide \$12,500 and the North American conferences \$12,500.

SEMINARY STUDENTS' RENT ALLOWANCE:

We recommend, That the Working Policy, page 77, paragraph 6, be amended to read as follows:

"When the worker goes to the Seminary alone, making it necessary for him to pay rent in two places, the conference or institution employing him

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continues the rent arrangements for the family back home and also pays up to \$25 a month to apply on the rent charge for the worker's single room. If the worker is accompanied by his family, the General Conference rent subsidy will apply."

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Recommendations from the Plans Committee were next considered. These were adopted as follows:

FURLOUGH POLICY--MIDDLE EAST:

We recommend, That in the Middle East Division the first term of service be six years in all sections of the Division with the exception of Iraq, Upper Egypt, and Aden.

SABBATH SCHOOL MISSIONS QUARTERLY FOR CHILDREN:

WHEREAS, The Sabbath School Department at various times has been requested to prepare a special Missions Quarterly for the children's divisions, and

WHEREAS, The Missions Quarterly, as now published, contains only a very few items in the back of it, and these mainly in respect to the Thirteenth Sabbath, which are designed for the children, and

WHEREAS, The introduction into the children's divisions of a more definite mission field atmosphere by the weekly recital of mission stories which are adapted to children's minds, would result in increased interest on the part of the children in missions and mission offerings, and what is even more important, in establishing in them a pattern for more liberal giving in adulthood, and

WHEREAS, It is believed that the estimated additional cost of \$372.50 per quarter that would be involved in the printing of an issue of 10,000 children's Missions Quarterlies would be largely, if not wholly, offset by increased mission offerings,

We recommend, That authorization be granted for the publication each quarter year of a 10,000 issue of a special Missions Quarterly for the children's divisions of the Sabbath school.

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NATIONAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION--
SECRETARIES IN OVERSEAS DIVISIONS:

With a view to continued and helpful contact being maintained between our young men in overseas countries who are called into military service, and their conferences and local churches,

We recommend, That in all overseas divisions in which our young men are being called into the service of their country, National Service Organization secretaries be appointed.

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Adjourned to 7:30 P.M., October 25.

THIRTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 25, 1954, 7:30 P.M.

The ninth session of the Council began with the singing of "Love Divine," prayer by A.H.Roth, and a solo, "Satisfied," by Robert Link.

HARRIS PINE MILLS:

W.H.Branson introduced C.J.Nagele of Harris Pine Mills, who reported on operation of that enterprise, encouraging omens for the future, and the plan to make another \$100,000 available to the Budget for the world work. Clyde Harris, general manager of Harris Pine Mills, addressed the Council briefly, confirming the report of C.J. Nagele and expressing his satisfaction with the arrangement by which the profits of the business may assist in the work of missions. The film showing the various operations of the Harris Pine Mills was shown.

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Further recommendations from the Finance Committee were next considered, and the following were adopted:

OAKWOOD COLLEGE OPERATING 1955:

We recommend, That in addition to the General Conference appropriation the equivalent of two per cent of tithe from the colored membership in North America (with the exception of South Central Conference which will contribute four per cent) be provided for Oakwood College subsidy for operating for 1955 based on the 1953 tithe receipts. The allotments under this action are as follows:

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	1953 Tithes	Allotment @ 2%
<u>Atlantic Union</u>		
Northeastern	344 660 79	6 893 22
<u>Central Union</u>		
Central States	104 663 77	2 093 27
<u>Columbia Union</u>		
Allegheny	443 864 95	8 877 30
<u>Lake Union</u>		
Lake Region	277 687 05	5 553 74
<u>Northern Union</u>		
Minnesota	4 446 92	88 94
<u>North Pacific Union</u>		
Oregon	5 017 08	100 34
Washington	8 030 55	160 61
<u>Pacific Union</u>		
Arizona	8 964 03	179 28
Central California	27 618 74	552 37
Nevada-Utah	2 535 96	50 72
Northern California	62 436 78	1 248 74
Southeastern California	53 463 01	1 069 26
Southern California	137 741 54	2 754 83
<u>Southern Union</u>		
South Atlantic	265 627 94	5 312 56
*South Central	158 184 88	6 327 40
<u>Southwestern Union</u>		
Southwest Region	122 818 91	2 456 38
	2 027 762 90	43 718 96

* 4%.

LOANS TO WORKERS:

We recommend, That paragraph 6, page 154, of the Working Policy be brought into harmony with section 4 of Article XVIII of the By-Laws. The paragraph will then read:

"No conference, mission, or institution shall make loans from its own funds to employees or others. This provision, however, shall not preclude the operation of specific loan funds such as student aid funds; or the granting of loans to doctors, as provided in the policy, also advances specifically authorized under regular policy, and made in order to enable workers to become located and equipped for service, are not a violation of this provision."

BIBLE INSTRUCTOR'S TRAINING PROGRAM:

A series of recommendations from the Plans Committee was discussed, and the following was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Spirit of prophecy has given clear counsel that Bible teaching in the homes of the people will play an ever increasing part in our evangelism as we draw closer to the end of time, because such workers are essential for carrying the truth into families, and "the cause would suffer great loss without this kind of labor" (Evangelism, page 493), and

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WHEREAS, The present demand for Bible instructors indicates an increasing dearth of educated and thoroughly trained workers for evangelistic visitation and Bible work,

We recommend, 1. That our local and union conferences be urged to select women within their territories who give promise of developing into full-time Bible instructors, and that these trainees be temporarily employed as evangelistic workers, connecting with one or two evangelistic campaigns, and be known as "gospel visitors" according to the instruction in Evangelism, pages 470,471.

2. That such workers who show promise of developing into strong Bible instructors be directed to the Theological Seminary for a short special course of one quarter's duration in Bible work, and that returning to the conferences they be recognized as Bible instructors in training; and that a further period of two or three years' field training be given them, after which they be returned to the Seminary for a further quarter's course.

3. That following this the trainee be returned to the conference, providing she has given definite evidence of her calling as a Bible instructor.

4. That after a period of six to seven years of productive service, these workers be sent to the Seminary for another short refresher course.

Adjourned to 10:15 A.M., October 26. Prayer by R.W.Moore.

H.L.Rudy, Chairman
F.L.Peterson, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

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THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 26, 1954, 10:15 A.M.

The tenth session of the Council opened with singing "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross," and prayer by R.L.Benton.

The Council was recessed immediately for the meeting of the International Religious Liberty Association.

INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION:

L.K.Dickson, president, served as chairman, and called upon A.W.Johnson, secretary, to present the business to come before the Association. This consisted of the filling of vacancies on the voting membership of the Association and the election of a board of directors. The Nominating Committee of the Council was called upon to make nominations for these positions. Since the Nominating Committee was then in session and not prepared to report immediately, it was moved by A.H.Rulkoeetter and seconded by R.H.Adair that the Association adjourn until 11:00 A.M. October 26.

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The session reconvened, and R.R.Figuhr asked for the floor. He expressed appreciation for the fine spirit manifested in this Council--a spirit of co-operation and understanding. He then stated the need of the Minority Committee for guidance in the matter of who should be included in invitations to attend the annual meetings of the General Conference Committee.

AUTUMN COUNCIL ATTENDANCE:

VOTED, 1. That a committee be appointed by the General Conference officers to study the matter of Autumn Council attendance, looking toward a more clearly-defined policy; and

2. That the Council express itself as favorable to the plan of a restricted attendance at the 1955 Autumn Council, suggesting to the General Conference Committee that at the time of the Spring Meeting definite decision be made as to who should be invited.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION 1958--COMMITTEE:

R.R.Figuhr requested counsel also on plans for the 1958 General Conference Session to be held in Cleveland, Ohio. He suggested (a) a shorter session, beginning on a Friday night and closing at sundown of the second Sabbath following, giving eight full days for the Session; (b) a simplification of the reports and an abbreviation of the pageantry; (c) the pre-session meetings being held largely in Washington.

VOTED, To approve the plan of setting up a committee to consider these various items, and that we ask the General Conference officers to appoint this committee. Committee suggested: R.R.Figuhr, H.L.Rudy, W.R.Beach, C.L.Torrey, F.D.Nichol, H.T.Elliott, W.B.Ochs, D.A.Ochs, J.F.Cummins, D.E.Rebok, A.V.Olson, A.L.Ham, L.K.Dickson, representatives from the field and from the departments. This committee is to report to the 1955 Autumn Council.

The Council then recessed to 3:45 P.M., October 26.

INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION:

L.K.Dickson called the meeting of the International Religious Liberty Association to receive the report of the Nominating Committee. Voting members of the Association to serve for two years were elected as follows: J.Nussbaum, D.L.Michael, R.H.Nightingale, O.O.Mattison, and G.W.Chambers. The Board of the International Religious Liberty Association for the two-year period was elected as follows: L.K.Dickson, A.V.Olson, A.W.Johnson, J.C.Thompson, A.H.Rulkoetter, R.L.Benton, G.A.Huse, A.H.Roth, H.A.Morrison, G.E.Hutches, D.A.Ochs, W.B.Ochs, M.C.Taft, F.H.Yost, M.V.Campbell.

The meeting of the International Religious Liberty Association was adjourned, and the Council session closed with benediction by L.K.Dickson.

A.L.Ham, Chairman
W.R.Beach, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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The opening hymn of the eleventh session of the Council was "Work, for the Night is Coming." J.J.Nethery offered prayer.

R.A.Anderson reported on the good reception being accorded the Prophetic Faith volumes. They are being placed on the reference shelves of many libraries and are commented on favorably by prominent clergymen of other faiths.

Plans Committee recommendations were further considered, and were adopted as follows:

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPERIENCED FIELD BIBLE INSTRUCTORS:

WHEREAS, There is need for more thoroughly trained Bible instructors and because our study of the Bible instructor's status and development should include the worker who has already given many years of faithful service to this calling, many having toiled long and hard during the heat and burden of the day adding thousands of members to our churches throughout the world,

We recommend, That provision be made for the development of the Bible instructors already in the field by making it possible for them to secure short refresher courses geared to their particular needs, and that it be left to each employing organization to determine which individuals shall avail themselves of these benefits.

CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK:

WHEREAS, God's plan and purpose for the home should be clearly understood by all our children; and

WHEREAS, Our church schools have been established for the purpose of acquainting the children with the will of God,

We recommend, That all our church schools observe a Christian Home Week, beginning with the Christian Home Day (Sabbath) in February of each year; and further

That during this Week, in all our church schools, special emphasis be given to the child's place in the home, and what he can do to make his home a delight to the family and to the angels.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION:

WHEREAS, We are told in the Spirit of prophecy that "the well-being of society, the success of the church, the prosperity of the nation, depend upon home influences" (Ministry of Healing, p. 349); and

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WHEREAS, The Home and School Association is being sponsored for the purpose of emphasizing the importance of the Adventist home and the school, not only as a beneficent influence in the community, the church and the nation but particularly in safeguarding our homes and our children from birth to college age; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That every adult church member be encouraged to take part in the activities of the Home and School Association.

2. That officers for the Home and School Association be elected in the usual way at the year-end election of officers.

3. That the officers of every Home and School Association be provided with at least three copies of The Adventist Home and School magazine which contains instructions and program material.

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A series of Finance Committee recommendations was amended and adopted as follows:

INLAND FREIGHT ON RELIEF SHIPMENTS:

We recommend, That the present plan for the handling of the inland freight on relief shipments be continued as at present and that this matter be referred to the Biennial Autumn Council for further consideration.

BUILDING POLICY:

We recommend, That the attention of the field be drawn to the provisions of the Building Policy that require proper authorization and financial provision before beginning the construction of buildings. The provisions with regard to these matters are stated in the Working Policy as follows:

"9. In the purchase or building of church properties, in no case shall commitments be made or building operations begun until 75 per cent of the entire cost of the building, including initial furnishings, is in hand in cash or in readily convertible assets, and provision satisfactory to the responsible authorizing committee for securing the remaining 25 per cent, is made, and in the case of construction, the work shall proceed and obligations shall be incurred only as funds are available. In special cases in home bases where in the judgment of authorizing boards and committees it is deemed advisable, a church may be authorized to borrow up to 15 per cent of the cost of its building project in order to complete it, provided a definite program for the liquidation of the loan has been approved by the authorizing committees. In cases in which it is practicable to occupy church buildings before the contemplated project is entirely completed, authorization may be given for the work of construction to proceed as funds become available.

"Equipment, Improvements, and Buildings

"10. In institutional and conference equipment, improvement, and building projects, the full amount of the funds needed shall be in hand before commitments are entered into, except that in cases of extreme necessity in home-base territories, building operations may be started when 75 per cent of the entire cost of the building is in hand in cash, and provision satisfactory to the

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responsible authorizing committee for securing the remaining 25 per cent is made, and in the case of construction, the work shall proceed and obligations shall be incurred only as funds are available. Any exception to this policy must be approved by the General Conference Committee.

"11. Any project involving the expenditure of \$25,000 or more shall be regarded as an enterprise requiring wider counsel with local, union, division and General Conference committees as to the percentage of funds above 75 per cent that must be in hand before obligations are incurred or building operations begun."--Working Policy, pages 154,155.

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DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

The Committee on Distribution of Labor presented recommendations, which were adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. That the Pacific Union and La Sierra College be requested to release G.T.Anderson to connect with the College of Medical Evangelists to serve as president.

2. That the Pacific Union Conference be requested to release Miss Myrtle McGee to connect with the College of Medical Evangelists to serve as secretary to the personnel officer on the Los Angeles campus.

3. That the Pacific Union Conference be requested to release W.C.Robinson to connect with the College of Medical Evangelists to serve in the accounting office on the Los Angeles campus.

4. That the Central Union and Union College be requested to release Mrs. Henry Deapen to connect with the College of Medical Evangelists to serve as dormitory dean for the Los Angeles campus.

5. That inasmuch as the College of Medical Evangelists has passed on an urgent request for the services of K.J.Reynolds, that we pass this invitation on to him to serve as dean of the faculties of the College of Medical Evangelists.

6. That the Lake Union and Michigan conferences be requested to release Otis Botimer to connect with the Columbia Union to serve as Publishing Department secretary of the East Pennsylvania Conference.

7. That Miss Adelaide Christian, who is returning from the Far Eastern Division in 1955, be invited to connect with the Lake Union Conference to serve as a teacher in the elementary school at Emmanuel Missionary College on her return.

8. That the Atlantic Union Conference and the New England Sanitarium be requested to release Harvey Rudisale to connect with the Southern Union Conference to serve as credit manager for the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital.

9. That A.E.Klein, returned missionary, be invited to connect with the Southern Union Conference to serve in connection with the college enterprises at Southern Missionary College.

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From the Plans Committee the following recommendations were adopted as amended:

CALL TO EVANGELISTIC ADVANCE AND
MINISTERIAL DEDICATION:

We recommend, That the following call to Evangelistic Advance and Ministerial Dedication be adopted and sent to the world field from this Autumn Council;

In this tremendous hour--tremendous in its possibilities for destruction, and tremendous in its opportunities for evangelism--when men, women, and children are longing for a word of hope and courage; when "Christ--the hope of the world" is being given worldwide publicity; when the truth expressed in the Spirit of prophecy years ago, "Now is the time for the last warning to be given," when "decided efforts should be made to bring the message for this time prominently before the people. The third angel is to go forth with great power" (Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 16),

We, assembled at this Autumn Council, invite our workers around the world in every capacity of service to reaffirm the great call to evangelism which was sounded at the recent General Conference Session, and that in preparation for this work we enter into deep heart searching and reappraisal of personal experience and relationship with God and the message, and that this take the form of;

1. Bible study befitting a ministry charged with the solemn responsibility of bringing such a message as ours to a dying world.
2. A restudy of the counsels of the Lord concerning the minister's personal consecration and dedication to his task.
3. A re-evaluation of our spiritual influence upon the flock.
4. A building up of the unity of the brethren in all lands.
5. A call to a world fellowship of prayer for the final outpouring of the Spirit of God.
6. An integration of the excellent and comprehensive recommendations on evangelism which were passed by the 1952 Autumn Council.

(This recommendation was adopted by a standing vote, and the chairman called on R.R.Figuhr and W.H.Branson to lead the Council in prayer, seeking God's guidance and expressing renewed dedication.)

CIRCULATION OF REVIEW AND HERALD:

WHEREAS, The Christian home faces greater peril today than ever before because of the worldly influences which insidiously intrude into the home sanctuary; and,

WHEREAS, There is increasing evidence that a pleasure-loving pattern of life is leading to the moral collapse of our society--a breakdown which is reflected in the emotional and physical ill health of large numbers of people; and,

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WHEREAS, The evil influence of impure literature, the motion picture theater, the liquor and tobacco traffic, the harmful effects of unchristian performances on the radio and television, and other dangerous amusements constitute a threat to the spiritual life and happiness of our people; and,

WHEREAS, The Review and Herald, church paper of the Adventmovement for over a century, has ever been a spiritual voice in warning our people of the dangers of worldliness, in reporting to every Adventist home the rapid progress of the advent message in mission lands, and in binding the hearts of Adventists together in the love of the truth the world around; and,

WHEREAS, Through the Spirit of prophecy the following instruction has been given:

"The Review . . . contains matters of great interest to the church, and should be placed in every family of believers."--Testimonies, Vol. 4, p. 598.

"Our people should make greater efforts to extend the circulation of the Review. If our brethren and sisters would only manifest greater earnestness and put forth more persevering efforts to accomplish this, it would be done. Every family should have the paper. . . . Through its pages Christ may speak to them in warnings, in reproofs and counsel, which would change the current of their thoughts and be to them as the bread of life" (Ibid., page 500). Therefore,

We recommend, That our conferences lay careful plans to extend the circulation of the Review so that every Adventist home may be benefited by its weekly visits.

AUTHORITY OF OPERATING POLICIES:

We recommend, That the following paragraph be inserted in the Working Policy on page 22, under "Relationship Between Organizations":

"The General Conference Working Policy contains the accumulated policy-making recommendations and resolutions as passed by the General Conference Sessions and the Autumn Councils, and also the Constitution and By-Laws of the General Conference. It is, therefore, the authoritative voice of the church in all matters pertaining to the work of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination in all parts of the world. Because of this it should be strictly adhered to by all organizations in every part of the world field. The work in every organization should be administered in full harmony with the operating policies of the General Conference and of the respective divisions into which the world field is divided. No departure from these policies should be made without approval being first obtained from the General Conference Committee (the division committee is the authorized body acting for the General Conference Committee in the respective overseas divisions). All conference, mission, or institutional administrators should cooperate in maintaining these administrative policies as they affect the work in their respective organizations. Only thus can a spirit of close cooperation and unity be maintained in the work of the church in all parts of the world field. Because of this, policies adopted should be adhered to carefully."

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GRADUATE WORK FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY TEACHERS:

WHEREAS, The standards of teacher education are constantly being raised so that an increasing number of states require five years of college education for teaching credentials; and,

WHEREAS, This change in teaching standards inevitably affects our teacher education; and,

WHEREAS, The General Conference Department of Education has recommended five years of college for secondary teachers; and,

WHEREAS, This postgraduate work of our teachers should be provided and taken in our own colleges;

We recommend, That the General Conference Committee reactivate or re-constitute the committee on graduate work and make the necessary plans to provide for the needed postgraduate training of our elementary and secondary teachers.

GREAT CONTROVERSY--MISSIONARY EDITION:

WHEREAS, At the General Conference Session of 1954 the assembled representatives of the church took action urging the immediate "unprecedented circulation of The Great Controversy, with its vital message, placing the special one-dollar missionary edition in English in as many homes as possible," and

WHEREAS, We recognize as providential the unique situation which has developed within the past few months created by the present wide discussion of the second coming of Christ, not only in ecclesiastical assemblies, but in the churches and reviews and papers, with a very definite awakening of interest in religious problems, and

WHEREAS, The Lord through His servant has specified that the warnings of Great Controversy must go where the living messenger could not go, and that it would call the attention of many to the important events to occur in the closing scenes of this world's history" (Letter 1, 1890), and that "in the closing work, many souls will take their position on the commandments of God as the result of this agency," for while some will act immediately on its message, "a much larger number who read it will not take their position until they see the very events taking place that are foretold in it" (Manuscript 31, 1890),

We recommend, 1. That we call upon all English reading Seventh-day Adventists during the two closing months of 1954, while the special one-dollar missionary edition of the book is available, to unite in adding to the already unprecedented distribution of Great Controversy, a still wider use, giving to it a circulation which has been given to no other denominational book up to this time, placing it in the hands of neighbors, friends, relatives, and prominent men and women of our communities as a book presenting a clear, inspired picture of coming events and a presentation of "the last message of warning to the world."

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2. That we call attention to the appropriateness of this volume as a worthwhile holiday gift, and that we request the publishers to furnish, without charge, a fitting greeting card which might be used in connection with gift copies of Great Controversy.

COLLEGE COURSE IN DENOMINATIONAL DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES:

WHEREAS, Experience has demonstrated that the instruction of our students in the organization and function of the departments of the church equips them more fully to participate in and to lead out in the activities of the church,

We recommend, 1. That a committee be appointed with representation from each department of the General Conference, from three of our senior colleges, and from the Theological Seminary to lay plans for the preparation of a book which would serve as the basis for a course of study in departmental activities in the church.

2. That the colleges give study to making such a course of study a part of the curriculum of the department of religion in all our senior and junior colleges.

3. That the Theological Seminary be encouraged to continue to offer such a course.

SABBATH SCHOOL EVANGELISM:

WHEREAS, Teaching materials, including lessons, film strips, and script, are now available for conducting branch Sabbath schools and Sunday schools; and,

WHEREAS, Vacation Bible School materials are in preparation for release early in 1955,

We recommend, That in every church a renewed emphasis be placed on these effective means of evangelism; and further

That these soul-winning agencies of the church be integrated with the over-all evangelistic program of the conference wherever possible.

INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION TERRITORY:

Recommended by the General Conference officers, the following was adopted:

We recommend, 1. That the territory formerly assigned to the Inter-American Division in the city of Miami revert to the Florida Conference and the Southern Union.

2. That, although the Inter-American Division will maintain its division office in the city of Coral Gables, the division be assigned no territory on the United States mainland.

Adjourned to 10:15 A.M. October 27. Prayer by G.E. Jones.

A.L.Ham, Chairman
N.W.Dunn, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, 1954, 10:15 A.M.

The twelfth session of the Council was called to order with the use of "I Have a Friend So Precious" as the opening song, and prayer by N.C.Petersen.

AUTUMN COUNCIL 1955:

VOTED, That we accept the invitation of the Takoma Park church to hold the 1955 Autumn Council in Takoma Park.

SPRING MEETING 1955--PLACE AND DATE:

VOTED, That the 1955 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee be held in Takoma Park April 4-7, beginning at 9:00 A.M. on April 4.

E G WHITE WRITINGS--NEW INDEX:

VOTED, That we favor the production of an up-to-date Index of the writings of Mrs. E.G.White as outlined to the Council by A.L.White, to include an enlarged, revised and perfected subject index, a revised and enlarged scripture index, and a classified collection of choice quotations, as financial provision may be made for the undertaking.

FEDERAL AID TO MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS:

VOTED, That a committee be appointed to study the matter of federal aid to medical institutions, this committee to report to the 1955 Autumn Council.

NURSES FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE:

VOTED, That since the Committee on Preparation of Nurses for Overseas Service is not prepared to report to the Council, it be directed to continue its work and report to a later Autumn Council.

USE OF TOBACCO FILM:

A series of recommendations from the Plans Committee was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The Spirit of prophecy has informed us that "tobacco is a slow, insidious poison and its effects are more difficult to cleanse from the system than those of liquor" (Temperance, p. 55) and that "tobacco is a poison of the most deceitful and malignant kind, having an exciting, then a paralyzing influence upon the nerves of the body. It is all the more dangerous because its effects upon the system are so slow, and at first scarcely perceivable. Multitudes have fallen victims to its poisonous influence. They have surely murdered themselves by the slow poison." (Temperance, p. 57); and

WHEREAS, The recent action of the American Medical Association in banning cigarette ads from their medical journals and the report of the American Cancer Society indicating the close relationship between smoking and cancer of the lung have caused many people to reduce their smoking or stop it altogether; and

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WHEREAS, The official government organization, the Public Health Cancer Association, has advised the public to stop smoking cigarettes in order to reduce the incidence of lung cancer, and has publicly urged American youth to "ponder well the question of whether the risk involved in cigarette smoking is worth the pleasure gained;" and

WHEREAS, "We have been admonished to "bear a clear, decided testimony against the use of tobacco," therefore

We recommend, In recognition of our great day of opportunity to assume world leadership in this phase of the temperance message,

1. That our conference leaders use widely their prints of the new film, "One in 20,000," arranging for showings of this film in prominent places, inviting civic leaders, officers of service organizations, superintendents and principals of schools, youth leaders, clergymen, and others to preview this film.

2. That our temperance secretaries and conference workers be encouraged to accept every invitation to show this film to various groups who may desire to see the film.

3. That in connection with each showing of this film appropriate literature, calling the attention of the public to the dangers of smoking, be utilized, special emphasis being suggested for the projected quarterly leaflets on tobacco to be brought out by the American Temperance Society.

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MISSIONARY BOOK--SELECTION AND PROMOTION:

Recommendations from the General Conference officers, union and local presidents, were considered, and the following adopted as amended:

We recommend, 1. That (a) the selection of the annual dollar missionary book be made by the Autumn Council, and (b) that its promotion be left with the publishing houses, enlisting the cooperation of all in the wide circulation of the volume; and

2. That Now God Speaks, by Arthur E. Lickey, be the book for 1955, and Desire of Ages for 1956.

Adjourned to 3:45 P.M. October 27. Prayer by G.H.Rustad.

W.B.Ochs, Chairman
W.P.Bradley, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, 1954, 3:35 P.M.

"He Leadeth Me," was the opening hymn for the thirteenth session of the Council, and prayer was by H.H.Hicks.

Carl Sundin reported on the work of the Extension Office of the Medical Department--arranging loans for students and graduates of the College of Medical Evangelists, encouraging graduates to establish practice in needy areas (the trend in this objective is encouraging), and assisting in establishing contacts between conferences and students. He expressed concern that the loans outstanding be safeguarded, and the hope that a plan may be worked out to reduce the amount of conference investment in these loans. He extended a cordial invitation to conference executives to visit the Loma Linda and Los Angeles campuses and see for themselves the spirit among the students at C.M.E. and their response in cooperating with the program and objectives of the church.

SEMINARY MINISTERIAL TRAINING PROGRAM:

The Seminary Ministerial Training Committee had prepared a series of recommendations which was adopted as follows:

While we reaffirm the over-all provisions of the action of the 1953 Autumn Council with respect to ministerial training as found on pages 22 to 26 in the Autumn Council leaflet,

We recommend, That the plan which requires graduates of the theological courses in our senior colleges to come direct to the Seminary for the fifth year of training before being appointed to a ministerial internship without any assurance of acceptance into service, be altered and the following provisions be accepted and incorporated into the policy:

1. That students graduating from the theological courses in our senior colleges be eligible to appointment to ministerial internships upon graduation.
2. That, after receiving an internship and upon completion of the first year of service in the field, the intern shall be released from his field responsibilities, and provided that his service is satisfactory and that he gives promise of developing as a minister, he be sent by the employing local conference to the Theological Seminary for the completion of the fifth year of his ministerial training.
3. That during this year the intern shall receive the regular allowance under the Internship policy granted by the General Conference and that an equal amount be granted by the employing conference. He shall also receive the regular travel allowance for Seminary students as provided in the 1953 Council Ministerial Training Policy.

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4. That the completion of the fifth year of the ministerial course in the Seminary by those who have already completed the first year of internship shall be accepted as meeting the requirements of the second year internship.

5. That such students shall, following completion of their fifth year course at the Seminary, be under obligation to return to labor in the sponsoring conference.

6. That those who are not appointed to an internship upon completion of the four years in the college course but who may be taken into conference employment, may be eligible to be sent to the Seminary for the completion of the fifth year of ministerial training the same as those appointed to internships.

7. That those who do not receive appointments to internships upon graduation from college and who come to the Seminary on their own shall upon completion of the fifth year be eligible for appointment to internships. These shall, upon appointment, receive salary at the second year internship rate.

8. That the General Conference Committee be asked to bring into line the sections of the 1953 Autumn Council action regarding ministerial training which are affected by this revision.

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Recommendations from the General Conference officers, union and local presidents, were discussed and in amended form adopted as follows:

PROMOTION OF MISSIONARY MAGAZINES :

We recommend, 1. That in North America the Home Missionary Department be assigned the promotion of the Signs of the Times and These Times, and, in the regional conferences, the Message Magazine.

2. That in the interest of efficiency and equality of opportunity, these missionary magazine campaigns be held strictly within the limit of the allotted four weeks, that the Home Missionary Department be asked to devote the first two weeks of each campaign to field promotion, and that special price offers be extended an additional thirty days beyond the four weeks of the campaign.

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Recommendations from the Plans Committee were next considered, and adopted as follows:

SABBATH SCHOOL OBJECTIVES FOR PRESENT QUADRENNIUM:

In view of the great challenges before us,

We recommend, That the General Conference Sabbath School Department set the following objectives for the quadrennium ending with 1958:

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Number of Sabbath schools	22,000
Membership	2,000,000
Offerings	\$25,000,000

INCREASING MISSION OFFERINGS THROUGH
THE SABBATH SCHOOL:

WHEREAS, There are still numerous unentered sections of the world missionary field, and many that have been entered are understaffed and ill equipped, and the time remaining for us to cooperate with the Lord in finishing His work in all the world is very short; and

WHEREAS, The General Conference treasury is dependent to a very large degree upon the Sabbath school offerings for the support of our foreign mission program; and

WHEREAS, The Lord has continued to bless His people with a great degree of prosperity, and since the Bible basis for giving is "as God hath prospered";

We recommend, 1. That all our believers re-examine their obligation to Christ in view of the great sacrifice He has made in our behalf; and that in gratitude for this inestimable gift and the prosperity with which the Lord has blessed us, we unite in a much more generous support of the mission program, particularly with reference to very considerably increasing the steady, systematic support of missions through the Sabbath school.

2. That all our Sabbath schools, classes, and members, be urged to look forward to doubling our present rate of giving as soon as possible, and that to this end in addition to giving more liberally from our abundance, we earnestly seek the Lord for a revival of sacrificial giving and the practice of self-denial in all our expenditures, in harmony with the instruction of the Lord that "When those who know the truth practice the self-denial enjoined in God's word, the message will go with power." (Counsels on Stewardship, p. 302.)

"Let us save every dollar that can be saved, that the matchless charms of Christ may be presented before the souls of the perishing. . . .

"Each one should strive to do for Jesus all that it is possible for him to do, by personal effort, by gifts, by sacrifices. There should be meat in the house of the Lord, and that means a full treasury, that responses may be made to Macedonian cries coming from every land. . . .

"Let all the pennies, dimes, and dollars that are lost to the cause through selfish love of pleasure, through desire to meet the world's standard, through love of ease, be turned into the channel that flows to God's treasury."
--Counsels on Stewardship, pp. 298, 299.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE FOR THE BLIND:

In order to avoid misunderstandings which arise when a private organization operated by Seventh-day Adventists attempts to parallel the function of an organized denominational agency,

We recommend, That the action taken by the General Conference Committee on April 10, 1952, which reads as follows:

"That all denominational copyrighted material to be published for the blind be channeled through the Christian Record Benevolent Association, Inc.,

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the denominational publishing house for literature for the blind," be amended to read:

"In the case of the publication of literature for the blind, we recognize the Christian Record Benevolent Association, Inc., as the sole agency for the issuance of this type of denominational literature."

ILLUSTRATIONS FOR SUBSCRIPTION BOOKS:

WHEREAS, Appropriate illustrations with proper sales appeal add greatly to the beauty and reader interest of our denominational subscription books, and

WHEREAS, Experience has proved that proper illustrations greatly aid the literature evangelist in selling our books,

We recommend, 1. That in selecting illustrations for a major subscription book the publishing house counsel with the field and with other publishing houses in the division concerning the pictures to be used.

2. That when a suggestive set of illustrations has been selected for such a book, the pictures chosen be presented, whenever possible, to the General Conference or the division Publishing Department Advisory Committee for counsel.

FIXED EXCHANGE RATES:

The following fixed rates of exchange for 1955 as recommended by the Finance Committee, were adopted:

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We recommend, That the following be the fixed rates of exchange for 1955:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	1955 <u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>in Local Currency</u>	1955 <u>Fixed Rate</u>
<u>Australasian</u>			
Australia	Australian £	.446	\$ 2.24
Fiji	Fijian £	.393	2.54
New Caledonia & Society Islands	Pacific Franc	62.50	.016
New Zealand	New Zealand £	.3571	2.80
<u>Central European</u>			
Germany	Deutschmark: West	4.00	.25
Germany	Deutschmark: East	20.00	.05
Saar	French Franc	350.877	.00285
<u>Far Eastern</u>			
British N. Borneo	BNB \$	3.00	.33 1/3
French Indo-China	Piaster	40.00	.025
Indonesia	Rupiah	11.40	.08772
Japan	Yen	358.422	.00279
Korea (South)	Won (Hwan)		
Malaya	Singapore \$	3.00	.33 1/3
New Guinea	Guilder	3.7037	.27
Philippine Islands	Peso	2.00	.50
Sarawak	Sarawak \$	3.00	.33 1/3
Thailand	Baht	20.00	.05
Hong Kong	Hong Kong \$	5.7143	.1750
Formosa	Taiwan \$	20.00	.05
Macao	Pataca	5.7143	.1750
<u>Inter-American</u>			
Bahamas	Pound	.3571	2.80
Barbados	Dollar	1.6949	.59
British Guinea	Dollar	1.6949	.59
British Honduras	Dollar	1.42857	.70
Colombia	Peso	2.85714	.35
Costa Rica	Colon	6.25	.16
Cuba	Peso	1.00	1.00
Curacao	Guilder	1.85185	.54
Dutch Guiana	Guilder	1.85185	.54
French West Indies	Metropolitan Franc	350.877	.00285
Guatemala	Quetzal	1.00	1.00
Haiti	Gourde	5.00	.20
Jamaica	Pound	.3571	2.80
Mexico	Peso	12.00	.08 1/3
Nicaragua	Cordoba	6.45161	.155
Panama	Balboa	1.00	1.00
Puerto Rico	Dollar	1.00	1.00
Salvador	Colon	2.50	.40
Santo Domingo	Peso	1.00	1.00
Spanish Honduras	Lempira	2.00	.50
Trinidad	Dollar	1.6949	.59
Venezuela	Bolivar	3.3333	.30

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<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	1955 <u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>in Local Currency</u>	1955 <u>Fixed Rate</u>
<u>Middle East</u>			
Cyprus	Pound	.3571	\$2.80
Egypt	Egyptian £	.3508	2.85
Iran	Rial	66.6666	.015
Iraq	Dinar	.3571	2.80
Israel	Israeli £	.5555	1.80
Jordania	Pound	.3571	2.80
Syria	Syrian £	3.3333	.30
Lebanon	Lebanese £	3.1250	.32
Turkey	Turkish £	4.00	.25
<u>North American</u>			
Bermuda	English £	.3571	2.80
Canadian Union	Dollar	1.00	1.00
<u>Northern Europe</u>			
Denmark	Kroner	6.6666	.15
Ethiopia & Eritrea	Dollar	2.43902	.41
Finland	Markka	250.00	.004
Gold Coast	West African £	.3571	2.80
Great Britain	English £	.3571	2.80
Holland	Guilder	3.7037	.27
Iceland	Kroner	16.00	.0625
Ivory Coast	Colonial Franc	175.4386	.0057
Liberia	Dollar	1.00	1.00
Nigeria	West African £	.3571	2.80
Norway	Kroner	6.6666	.15
Poland	Zloty	400.00	.0025
Sierre Leone	West African £	.3571	2.80
Sweden	Kroner	5.00	.20
<u>South American</u>			
Argentina	Peso	15.00	.06 2/3
Bolivia	Boliviana	1300.00	.00076923
Brazil	Cruzeiro	50.00	.02
Chile	Peso	250.00	.004
Ecuador	Sucre	17.00	.058824
Paraguay	Guarani	50.00	.02
Peru	Sol	17.50	.05714
Uruguay	Peso	2.75	.3636
<u>Southern African</u>			
Belgian Congo	Belgian Franc	50.00	.02
British E. Africa, Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda	E. African Shilling	7.14285	.14
N. & S. Rhodesia	Rhodesian £	.3571	2.80
Nyasaland	Rhodesian £	.3571	2.80
S. African Union	South African £	.3571	2.80

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<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	1955	1955
		<u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>in Local Currency</u>	<u>Fixed Rate</u>
<u>Southern Asia</u>			
Burma	Kyat	4.7619	\$.21
Ceylon	Rupee	4.7619	.21
India	Rupee	4.7619	.21
Pakistan	Rupee	3.2258	.31
<u>Southern European</u>			
Angola & Mozambique	Angolar	27.7777	.036
Austria	Schilling	25.00	.04
Belgium	Belgian Franc	50.00	.02
Bulgaria	Leva	285.714	.0035
Czechoslovakia	Koruna	50.00	.02
France	French Franc	350.877	.00285
French Cameroons	Colonial Franc	175.438	.0057
French Equatorial Africa	Colonial Franc	175.438	.0057
Greece	Drachma	30,000.00	.000033 1/3
Hungary	Forint	11.627	.086
Italy	Lira	625.00	.0016
Madagascar	Colonial Franc	175.438	.0057
Mauritius	Rupée	4.7619	.21
Portugal	Escudo	27.777	.036
Reunion	Colonial Franc	175.438	.0057
Rumania	Leu	142.8571	.007
Spain	Peseta	40.00	.025
Switzerland	Swiss Franc	4.2553	.235
Yugoslavia	Dinar	30.303	.033

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Further recommendations from the Finance Committee were adopted, as follows:

THE MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIP PLAN:

We recommend, That the Working Policy, page 68, paragraph 6, under the section "The Plan Outlined" be amended to read:

"6. Division of Financial Responsibility.--The plan is designed to assist the local conferences in such ministerial training by providing the salary and expenses on the following basis: For the first and second year the General Conference shall furnish \$70 a month to apply on the salary for each internship; the union and local conferences shall furnish the remaining portion of the salary and provide for travel and current expenses as may be mutually arranged. General Conference funds for the purpose shall be obtained from the Comeback, being 1.6 per cent of the total mission offerings known as the One-Dollar-a-Week Fund."

FUNERAL ALLOWANCE:

We recommend, That the following provision be added to the Working Policy:

"An allowance not to exceed \$250 toward the funeral expense for a worker or his dependent may be granted when other provision for such expense has not been made, or when at the death of the surviving spouse no estate has been left out of which the expense can be met."

FAITH FOR TODAY AND VOICE OF PROPHECY OPERATING 1955:

We recommend, 1. That the appropriation from conferences for the support of the Voice of Prophecy and Faith for Today be on the basis of 9/10 of one per cent of the tithe receipts for the previous full year prior to the Autumn Council, \$42,666 to be allocated to the Voice of Prophecy and \$207,963.64 to Faith for Today.

The allotments under this action are as follows:

<u>Union</u>	<u>1953 Net Tithes</u>	<u>Radio</u>	<u>Television</u>	<u>.9%</u>
Atlantic	2 021 458 00	3 097 11	15 096 01	18 193 12
Canadian	913 601 58	1 399 73	6 822 68	8 222 41
Central	1 823 080 15	2 793 17	13 614 55	16 407 72
Columbia	3 821 630 10	5 855 19	28 539 48	34 394 67
Lake	3 444 560 56	5 277 48	25 723 57	31 001 05
Northern	998 247 82	1 529 42	7 454 81	8 984 23
North Pacific	3 462 320 15	5 304 68	25 856 20	31 160 88
Pacific	7 200 330 01	11 031 76	53 771 21	64 802 97
Southern	2 754 158 91	4 219 70	20 567 73	24 787 43
Southwestern	1 408 350 55	2 157 76	10 517 40	12 675 16
	27 847 737 83	42 666 00	207 963 64	250 629 64

2. That if substantial economies are effected as a result of the investigation of the committee appointed to study Faith for Today and Voice of

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Prophecy operating the larger portion of such savings be rebated to the conferences rather than used for expansion purposes, and that this apply to 1955.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL STUDENT LOAN POLICY:

We recommend, That the Working Policy (Autumn Council action of Sept. 25, 1952, and revised by Autumn Council October 29, 1953) be revised to read:

"Paragraph 4. The notes covering the student loans plus interest shall fall due at the end of the internship year, or, by mutual agreement between the conference or institution granting the loan and the recipient, at the end of a one-year residency providing this residency immediately follows the internship year."

REHABILITATION ALLOWANCE:

We recommend, That the Working Policy, page 150, the section on "Rehabilitation Allowance," paragraph 1, be amended to read:

"1. Freight, cartage, and handling as well as necessary packing and crating charges on household goods and personal effects (not including automobiles and articles intended for sale or carried for other persons) from the place of residence in the mission field to missionary's home in the homeland, or to another destination in the homeland determined by the General Conference Committee in counsel with the division committee concerned, on a maximum of 2,500 pounds gross weight for a missionary couple and 300 pounds additional for each dependent child, or 1,250 pounds for a single worker. In case a worker does not elect to take home the full freight allowance provided above he shall be compensated in cash at the rate of \$16 per 100 pounds on the difference between the freight actually carried and the maximum allowance."

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The following recommendations from the Plans Committee were adopted as amended:

LISTEN MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS:

We recommend, That all subscriptions to Listen magazine be handled through the Book and Bible Houses in harmony with the policy governing the handling of all other denominational journals and magazines, and that a representative committee be appointed for the purpose of working out a procedure whereby this can be satisfactorily done; it being understood that subscriptions to Listen magazine shall continue to be handled as at present until this committee has done its work and has reported to the General Conference Committee.

TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION IN OUR SCHOOLS:

WHEREAS, The forces of intemperance, both the alcohol and tobacco interests, are making tremendous efforts to induce people to indulge in the use of their products, and our people, particularly our youth, in common with the general public, are exposed to their propaganda and promotion, and

WHEREAS, One of the strongest deterrents to insidious propaganda is an enlightened people, and

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WHEREAS, The best place to reach our youth with the facts concerning these twin evils, both from a mental and spiritual standpoint, is within the framework of our school system,

We recommend, That the Department of Education of the General Conference, in cooperation with the Medical Department and the American and International Temperance Societies, plan for the giving of temperance instruction in our elementary and secondary schools and colleges.

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SCOPE OF MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION:

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Association was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, A partial report of the Nominating Committee accepted by the General Conference Session in San Francisco on May 30, 1954, referred the question of additional help in the Ministerial Association to the 1954 Autumn Council; and,

WHEREAS, The committee now reporting was set up by the officers of the General Conference to give preliminary study to this matter and report to the 1954 Council; and,

WHEREAS, The Ministerial Association is of the opinion that the Association's objectives and scope could well be clarified and restated; and,

WHEREAS, The question of assigning additional help in the Ministerial Association is tied to a careful appraisal and statement of the Association's objectives and scope,

We recommend, That consideration of assigning additional help to the Ministerial Association be postponed, and that a representative committee be set up by the officers of the General Conference to clarify the purposes and scope of the Ministerial Association and to study a balanced program for the Association, including office, institute, and field evangelism activity, this committee to report to the 1955 Autumn Council.

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Adjourned to 7:00 P.M. October 27.

R.R.Figuhr, Chairman
W.P.Bradley,
H.T.Elliott, Secretaries
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, 1954, 7:00 P.M.

The fourteenth and closing session of the Council was opened with the singing of "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Prayer by C.M.Bunker.

R L ODOM--E G WHITE PUBLICATIONS:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Committee on Distribution of Labor, to request the Southwestern Union and Texas Conference to release R.L.Odom, and to invite him to connect with the E.G.White Publications to assist in the preparation of the new Index to the writings of Mrs. E.G.White.

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E.N.Dick was asked to report on the Medical Cadet Training Program. He mentioned the success of the program as evidenced by the interest of the military officials and their testimony as to its helpfulness, and by the results of the training camps already conducted. He urged that the program continue to be promoted strongly and that all young men facing military service be given the advantage of this spiritual and technical training.

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CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND OFFERINGS:

In view of certain necessary adjustments in the Calendar of Special Days and Offerings as recommended by the Plans Committee, it was

VOTED, To refer the Calendar of Special Days and Offerings for 1956 to the General Conference Minority Committee for revision.

The Calendar for 1956 as finally adjusted is as follows:

JANUARY

Home Missionary Day	January 7*
Home Missionary Offering	January 7
Religious Liberty Campaign	January 14-21
Religious Liberty Day and Offering	January 14*
Television Offering	January 28

FEBRUARY

Christian Home Week	February 4-11
Christian Home and Family Altar	February 4*
Home Missionary Offering	February 4
<u>Signs Campaign</u>	February 4-25
(Special price to prevail during February and March)	

*Programs provided.

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MARCH

Visitation Evangelism - Home Visitation
 Home Missionary Offering
 Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer
~~Special Foreign Mission Offering~~

March 3*
 March 3
 March 10-17*
 March 17

*January Request**Mission's Advance*

APRIL

Ingathering Rally Day
 Ingathering Campaign
 Home Missionary Offering
 Spirit of Prophecy Day

April 7*
 April 7-May 19
 April 7
 April 14*

MAY

Dorcas and Welfare Evangelism
 Home Missionary Offering
 Literature for Servicemen Offering

May 5*
 May 5
 May 26

JUNE

Literature Evangelism
 Home Missionary Offering
 College of Medical Evangelists Offering

June 2*
 June 2
 June 23

JULY

Medical Missionary Day
 Home Missionary Offering
 Midsummer Offering and Service

July 7*
 July 7
 July 14

AUGUST

Enlightening Dark Counties
 Home Missionary Offering
 Educational Day and Elementary School
 Offering
 Oakwood College Offering

August 4*
 August 4
 August 18*
 August 25

SEPTEMBER

Literature Evangelist Rally Day
 Home Missionary Day (Literature)
 Home Missionary Offering
 Missions Extension Day and Offering
Message Campaign
These Times Campaign

September 1*
 September 1
 September 1
 September 8*
 September 15-October 6
 September 15-October 6

(Special prices to prevail September 15-November 15)

*Programs provided.

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OCTOBER

Neighborhood Evangelism (Bible School Enrollment)	October 6*
Home Missionary Offering	October 6
Voice of Prophecy Offering	October 13*
Sabbath School Rally Day	October 20
Temperance Day and Offering	October 27*

NOVEMBER

Witnessing Laymen	November 3*
Home Missionary Offering	November 3
<u>Review and Herald Campaign</u>	November 3-24
<u>Week of Prayer and Sacrifice</u>	November 17-24*
Week of Sacrifice Offering	November 24

DECEMBER

Home Missionary Day	December 1*
Home Missionary Offering	December 1

*Programs provided.

Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings

March 31	September 29
June 30	December 29

A number of recommendations from the Plans Committee were adopted as follows:

LITERATURE EVANGELIST INTERNSHIP PLAN:

We recommend, That the following paragraphs be added to the Literature Evangelist Internship Plan listed on page 101 of the Working Policy:

"8. That in order to receive full benefits, literature evangelists who are accepted on this plan, in the case of men, shall work a minimum of 35 hours a week and in the case of women a minimum of 30 hours a week. In the event of sickness or emergency when it is not possible to put in the full 35 hours for men or 30 hours for women, the literature evangelist shall be paid on a proportionate basis, according to hours worked.

"9. That we delay three months after the end of the internship period before computing results of the work done by literature evangelists."

MAGAZINE LEADERS' SUBSIDY:

We recommend, 1. That paragraph 3, page 65 of the 1952 Autumn Council Actions, reading:

"That conferences shall receive a subsidy for magazine leaders of \$25 a week for the first four months. After the first four months the subsidy shall be \$15 a week when the sales total 6,000 copies a month, and \$25 a week when the sales reach 10,000 copies or more," be changed to read:

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"That a conference shall receive a subsidy for a magazine leader of \$25 a week for the first four months. After the first four months subsidy shall be paid only when there is a monthly minimum sale of 6,000 copies, the subsidy to be paid at the rate of \$10 per month per 1,000 magazines purchased by the Book and Bible House. No subsidy is to be paid on fractions of 1,000."

2. That paragraph 4, page 66 of the 1952 Autumn Council Actions leaflet reading: "The division of the amount paid by the publishing houses shall be on the ratio of retail value of magazines purchased by Book and Bible Houses during the calendar month for single-copy sale," be changed to read:

"4. The division of the amount paid by the publishing houses shall be on the ratio of number of copies of magazines purchased by Book and Bible Houses during the calendar month for single-copy sale."

3. That this amended plan become effective November 1, 1954.

HOME LIBRARIES FOR SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS:

A recommendation from the Plans Committee on Home Libraries for Seventh-day Adventists was referred to the General Conference Committee for further study.

NEW SUBSCRIPTION BOOKS:

We recommend, That policies listed in the Publishing Department Policies booklet be deleted as follows: "Examination of Manuscripts," page 13; "New Subscription Books," page 18; and "Notice of New Publications," page 18; replacing these by the following:

"That when new subscription books are contemplated, after counseling with the field, the publishing house issuing the new publication inform sister publishing houses, the General Conference Publishing Department, and the Publishing Advisory Committee of its plans, and supply information periodically as to the progress of the work."

CHANGE OF TITLE FOR COLPORTEURS:

We recommend, That in English-speaking fields the title "colporteur" be changed to "literature evangelist"; it being understood that this term be used in other language areas when adaptable.

MEDICAL SECRETARIES:

WHEREAS, There has been a strengthening of all medical missionary activities in the conferences where we now have medical secretaries, and/or health educators, and

WHEREAS, There is need of a continual growth of all our health education activities in our churches,

We recommend, That union and local conference committees where it is possible employ a full time medical secretary, preferably an individual with health education experience.

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES:

WHEREAS, The Signs of the Times is destined to make a large contribution to the finishing of the work in all the world, and

WHEREAS, Its well-organized follow-up and various other service features unsurpassed in the program of our literature ministry continue to make the Signs a helpful accessory to larger soul-winning returns, thus providing ample compensation for the investment dollar of our people, and

WHEREAS, The 1955 crusade synchronizes with one of the most eventful and challenging years in the story of fulfilling prophecy,

We recommend, 1. That during the time allotted for the presentation of the Signs of the Times to our churches during the coming year, concerted efforts be made to enlist the cooperation of all our members in providing for its weekly visit to the homes of their relatives and friends.

2. That as a worthy objective our union and local conferences plan their coverage with the Signs so as to increase its circulation during 1955 beyond any past achievement.

PLACE OF SANITARIUMS IN DENOMINATIONAL PROGRAM:

WHEREAS, Institutional development and maintenance has during recent years absorbed an increasingly larger portion of denominational income, and

WHEREAS, We are at the present time faced with substantial requests from various parts of the field for aid in the development of new sanitariums and in the rehabilitation or rebuilding of old ones,

We recommend, 1. That the committee set up to study our sanitarium work be reconstituted and called to meet just previous to the C.M.E. Major Board in January, 1955, the personnel of the committee to be named by the officers of the General Conference.

2. That members of the committee be provided with a statement of the agenda well in advance of the meeting, along with any outlines of subject matter or source material which may be pertinent to or helpful in study of the problem assigned to this committee.

3. That this committee prepare a report of their findings and their recommendations which shall be presented to the Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee.

THESE TIMES PROMOTION:

WHEREAS, There is a growing interest on the part of millions of people in religion and religious publications, and

WHEREAS, "The publications sent forth from our printing houses are to prepare a people to meet God" (Vol. 7, p. 139), and

WHEREAS, "The great day of the Lord is near . . . and hasteth greatly" (Zeph. 1:14),

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We recommend, 1. That our monthly full message journal These Times be given greater emphasis as a missionary journal in all our churches throughout North America in order that it may more fully serve the purpose that God has outlined.

2. That the Publishing Department be requested to integrate These Times more fully into the activity of our literature evangelists, with a view to increasing its soul-winning influence through a larger subscription and single copy sale.

MESSAGE MAGAZINE PROMOTION:

WHEREAS, The Message Magazine is our only periodical prepared especially to serve the constituency of the regional conferences,

We recommend, 1. That The Message Magazine be utilized more fully by the regional conferences.

2. That this be done through giving this magazine regular emphasis in the churches it serves thereby helping our people to recognize their responsibility to circulate it widely as an effective soul-winning facility.

3. That the Publishing Department be urged to integrate it more fully into the activity of our literature evangelists and that definite steps be taken to increase its soul-winning influence through a larger single copy and subscription sale.

OFFERTORY READINGS:

We recommend, That the Ministerial Association and the General Conference Treasury prepare a simple brochure containing Offertory Readings for use in our churches in connection with the receiving of the tithes and offerings.

DAY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PLAN:

We recommend, That with a view to assisting the youth who are attending denominational church schools and/or day academies to earn money towards their educational expense and to give them an opportunity of having an active part in missionary work, the following plan be adopted:

Youth who attend our denominational church schools and/or day academies and who under adult supervision spend one hundred hours or more during a calendar year in selling literature, shall be granted a scholarship discount. Our schools, publishing houses, Book and Bible Houses and the conferences shall join in making it possible to offer a discount of 30% on tuition. This discount shall be borne by the cooperating organizations on the following basis: publishing house, 10%; Book and Bible House, 5%; conference, 5%; and the school, 10%.

The amount of the scholarship discount shall be determined by the credit that the student has with the Book and Bible House from the sale of denominational subscription literature. The Book and Bible House credit shall represent 70% of his scholarship. By way of illustration, if a student should have a credit of \$35.00 the bonus would amount to \$15.00, making a total of a \$50.00 scholarship.

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A student shall be permitted to earn a maximum of two scholarships in one calendar year, the second one being either for his future use or for transfer to another member of the family.

SAFEGUARDING THE CHURCH THROUGH
SPIRIT OF PROPHECY LIBRARY:

WHEREAS, In the recent General Conference Session, action was taken specifying that "we urge our church members to build a Spirit of prophecy library in their homes, thus making readily available to all members of the family the timely and helpful counsels, warnings, and reproofs, so much needed in these perilous days" (Recommendations and Resolutions, page 37),

We recommend, 1. That our administrators, evangelists, and pastors in their work of informing and instructing the church, and especially the new members, concerning the place and value of the Spirit of prophecy, undertake this task as a long-range program of instruction, guidance, and encouragement which will culminate in each family's building its own Spirit of prophecy library with an understanding and appreciation of the unique value of such a library for instructive and devotional reading and for reference study.

2. That we suggest that in the Sabbath presentation on the coming Spirit of Prophecy Day, April 9, 1955, special emphasis be placed on building a Spirit of prophecy library with appropriate follow-up procedures aimed at bringing this about.

3. That we request the publishers to prepare and furnish an attractive leaflet describing the E.G. White books and giving counsel on building a Spirit of prophecy library and encouragement in reading, for general distribution on Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath, and to be stocked for future use of pastors and evangelists with new converts in their efforts to encourage them in building a Spirit of prophecy library as vital to the welfare of their growing spiritual experience and preparation to meet the Lord.

LISTEN MAGAZINE:

WHEREAS, The divine blueprint calls for the widespread promotion of the temperance cause as an integral part of the third angel's message, and

WHEREAS, Listen magazine is recognized as the leading exponent of our temperance message; therefore

We recommend, That we encourage our conference committees, church boards, and church members to help extend through the sponsorship plan the influence of Listen among leading people, such as statesmen, editors, law-enforcement officers, teachers, and clergymen everywhere.

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SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDY CME:

The Committee on Graduate Study recommended the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, There is a need for qualified teachers on the secondary and collegiate levels with graduate degrees in the basic sciences; and,

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WHEREAS, It is desirable that these degrees be secured in our own denominational institutions whenever possible; and,

WHEREAS, The College of Medical Evangelists is now able to render service to the denomination by providing graduate study in certain fields,

We recommend, 1. That authorization be given for a School of Graduate Studies within the College of Medical Evangelists.

2. That this school be authorized to offer graduate work leading to the Master of Science degree in the basic sciences now established at the College of Medical Evangelists.

3. That we give approval to the granting of the Master of Medical Science degree by the College of Medical Evangelists, which has been offered for a number of years before General Conference authorization for graduate study was required.

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The final set of Finance Committee recommendations were adopted as follows:

SUSTENTATION TO BENEFICIARIES FROM
BALTIC AND RUSSIAN FIELDS:

We recommend, That the following provisions be made for displaced or refugee workers from the Baltic States and Russia who are eligible to sustentation:

1. That in the case of former workers from the Baltic States and Russia who become eligible for sustentation benefits and are now resident in countries outside of this territory, each case shall be considered on its merits.

2. That a fund be set up from regular budget funds to make provision for the care of such beneficiaries during this period when contact cannot be made with their home field, but that efforts be made to follow the normal procedure in handling such beneficiaries as soon as opportunity offers.

3. That the rates of sustentation to be paid shall be commensurate with the rates provided by the schedule in the countries where such beneficiaries from the Baltic States and Russia reside.

SUSTENTATION POLICY:

We recommend, That the following regulations be added to the Sustentation Policy:

Wives Where Husbands are Employed Outside the Denomination

That we hold to the present policy as provided in paragraphs 45-47, incorporating the suggestion that assistance will be given providing a financial statement of the annual earnings is submitted, and the amount granted will bring the total income of the family up to the family rate of sustentation provided by the schedule for the wife's years of service.

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(Two items, "Husbands and Wives Both Working," and "Commissioned Salesmen," were referred to the General Conference officers for further study and report to the Spring Meeting.)

MISSIONS EXTENSION OFFERING:

We recommend, That the following plan for the Missions Extension Offering hitherto voted annually, be approved and made regular policy:

1. That the basic goal be \$100,000.
2. That the basic goal be distributed to the union conferences on the basis of membership, and that it be promoted on the basis of a personal goal of \$1.00 per member.
3. That the amount raised by any union conference above the basic goal be divided, 40% to the union conference for evangelism, and 60% to be retained by the General Conference for missions extension.
4. That no regular mission comeback be deducted or paid on the amount received in excess of the basic goal.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT LEADERS' INTERNSHIP PLAN:

We recommend, That the General Conference officers be requested to appoint a committee to study the Leaders' Internship Plan submitted by the Publishing Department Advisory Committee.

PREPARATION AND PLACEMENT OF BUSINESS PERSONNEL:

We recommend, That the General Conference officers be requested to appoint a committee to study the plan for the preparation and placement of denominational business personnel, as submitted by the Auditors' group.

EMPLOYMENT OF WORKERS OVER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE:

We recommend, That the General Conference officers be requested to appoint a committee to reconsider the matter of the Employment of Workers over Thirty-five Years of Age, the committee to report to the 1955 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee.

LOCAL CONFERENCE TELEVISION:

We recommend, That a local conference that is giving regular support to the Voice of Prophecy and Faith for Today and has other funds and talent available to operate a television program, be permitted to proceed with such program should approval of the union conference and the General Conference be given.

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THE BUDGET:

The report of the Budget Committee was presented and with one amendment the recommendations were adopted as follows:

The Budget for 1955

We recommend, That the base and special appropriations for 1955 to the world fields be made from the following estimated income and available funds:

REGULAR

General Conference Income (Basis 1953)	13 836 033 92
Less: Transferred to Specials	<u>256 663 57</u>
Net Retained for Base Appropriations	13 579 370 35

SPECIALS

From Regular Operating (as above)	256 663 57
From General Conference Operating Capital	1 234 336 43
From 1955 Reconstruction Base, Orient	125 000 00
From Exchange Gains	150 000 00
From Special Funds - Central Europe	130 000 00
From Institutional Relief Funds	50 000 00
From Unpaid Gen Conf Session Offering Pledges	50 000 00
From Harris Pine Mills	100 000 00
Less: To North Pacific Union	<u>25 000 00</u>
	<u>75 000 00</u>

Total Provision for Special Appropriations	<u>2 071 000 00</u>
	15 650 370 35

REVERTIBLE FUNDS (Basis 1953)

Estimated, All Divisions	<u>4 452 812 36</u>
Total Base & Specials	20 103 182 71

CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS

Total Estimated Income and Available Funds for 1955	<u>200 000 00</u>
	<u>20 303 182 71</u>

We recommend, 1. That the Base Appropriations for 1955 be as follows:

OVERSEAS

Australasia		387 651 00	
Europe			
Base	55 596 00		
Sustentation	<u>36 000 00</u>	91 596 00	
Far East			
Base	1 051 159 00		
Far Eastern Academy	9 475 00		
South China Island Union	<u>188 700 00</u>	1 249 334 00	
Inter-America		983 770 00	
Israel Mission		21 000 00	
Middle East		527 228 00	
Northern Europe			
Base	896 702 00		
London Evangelism	<u>25 000 00</u>	921 702 00	
South America		1 042 674 00	
Southern Africa		1 118 410 00	
Southern Asia			
Base	1 071 533 00		
Tibetan Border Work			
Assam Mission	9 000 00		
Himalayan Mission	<u>14 325 00</u>	23 325 00	
Vellore Doctor		<u>4 368 00</u>	1 099 226 00
Southern Europe		1 070 276 00	
Reconstruction Base, Orient		<u>433 640 00</u>	8 946 507 00

INTERNATIONAL RADIO

Australia		19 000 00	
Central Europe		7 500 00	
Far East	39 500 00		
South China Island Union	<u>18 000 00</u>	57 500 00	
Inter-America		53 500 00	
Middle East		22 500 00	
Northern Europe		57 000 00	
South America		66 000 00	
Southern Africa		34 000 00	
Southern Asia		48 500 00	
Southern Europe		52 500 00	
Production		<u>47 000 00</u>	<u>465 000 00</u>

Total Overseas Base Appropriations

9 411 507 00

NORTH AMERICA

Aid to Smaller Conferences		70 000 00	
Faith for Today		110 000 00	
Home-Foreign Work		115 000 00	
Oakwood College		63 000 00	
Riverside Sanitarium		10 000 00	
Atlantic Union			
Greater New York	17 000 00		
Northeastern	<u>3 000 00</u>	20 000 00	
Canadian Union		72 000 00	
Southern Union			
Colored Work	35 000 00		
Rural Work	<u>5 000 00</u>	40 000 00	
Southwestern Union			
Colored Work		<u>14 000 00</u>	514 000 00

GENERAL

Administrative & Departmental		1 357 105 50	
Miscellaneous & Fixed		1 456 600 00	
College of Medical Evangelists			
Regular Operating	355 000 00		
Salary Increase & Educ. Allow.	130 000 00		
Dental School	90 000 00		
School of Tropical Medicine	<u>20 000 00</u>	595 000 00	
Medical Missions Residency Plan		5 319 85	
Temperance Societies		40 000 00	
Theological Seminary			
Regular Operating		135 226 00	
San Antonio Servicemen's Center		4 612 00	
Voice of Prophecy		<u>60 000 00</u>	<u>3 653 863 35</u>

Total Base Appropriations for North America & General

4 167 863 35

TOTAL BASE APPROPRIATIONS, ALL DIVISIONS FOR 1955

13 579 370 35

2. That Special Appropriations be made as follows:

OVERSEAS

Australia		
General	75 000 00	
College	<u>15 000 00</u>	90 000 00
Europe		130 000 00
Far East		
General	75 000 00	
South Philippine College	15 000 00	
South China Island Union	<u>3 500 00</u>	93 500 00
Inter-America		
General	75 000 00	
West Indian Training College	<u>15 000 00</u>	90 000 00
Israel Mission		2 500 00
Middle East		
General	50 000 00	
Turkey	<u>50 000 00</u>	100 000 00
Northern Europe		
General	60 000 00	
Division College	<u>70 000 00</u>	130 000 00
South America		
General	75 000 00	
Brazil & River Plate Colleges	<u>20 000 00</u>	95 000 00
Southern Africa		75 000 00
Southern Asia		
General	75 000 00	
Schools	<u>20 000 00</u>	95 000 00
Southern Europe		
General	50 000 00	
Collonges Seminary	15 000 00	
Gland Sanitarium	15 000 00	
Indebtedness	<u>35 000 00</u>	<u>115 000 00</u>

Total Overseas Special Appropriations

1 016 000 00

GENERAL

1954 General Conference Session Deficit		70 000 00
College of Medical Evangelists		
Building Fund	90 000 00	
Dental College Contingency	<u>61 000 00</u>	151 000 00
Educational Department		
Subsidy on Textbooks	5 000 00	
Secondary Film	<u>5 000 00</u>	10 000 00
Entertainment Servicemen Overseas		5 000 00
Faith for Today		4 000 00
J. Nussbaum - Travel and Expense for General Conference		2 500 00
S.D.A. Theological Seminary		200 000 00
Recreational Facilities		8 000 00
White Publications - Index		10 000 00
Voice of Prophecy		
Book of the Month		<u>7 500 00</u>
		468 000 00

NORTH AMERICA

Oakwood College		
Men's Dormitory	155 000 00	
Teachers' Cottages	<u>15 000 00</u>	170 000 00
Atlantic Union		
Completion of Albany Church	10 000 00	
NY Evangelistic Center	10 000 00	
Atlantic Union College indebt.	20 000 00	
New England San. Bldg. Fund	<u>20 000 00</u>	60 000 00
Canadian Union		
Can. Union College Woodworking	15 000 00	
Rest Haven Sanitarium	20 000 00	
Toronto Sanitarium	<u>10 000 00</u>	45 000 00
Central Union		
Boulder Sanitarium	20 000 00	
Union College Girls' Dorm.	<u>15 000 00</u>	35 000 00
Columbia Union		
Allegheny Conf. - Cleveland Ch.	20 000 00	
Newark Evangelistic Center	5 000 00	
West Va. Conf. Headquarters	<u>5 000 00</u>	30 000 00
Lake Union		
Detroit Grand River Church	35 000 00	
Racine Wisconsin Church	<u>3 000 00</u>	38 000 00
Northern Union		
Evangelism	20 000 00	
So. Dakota Indian Work	<u>6 000 00</u>	26 000 00
North Pacific Union		
Walla Walla College Girls' Dorm.	25 000 00	
Walla Walla Gen. Hospital	<u>10 000 00</u>	35 000 00
Pacific Union		
Chinese Church (San Francisco)	15 000 00	
Glendale Sanitarium	15 000 00	
White Memorial Church	<u>25 000 00</u>	55 000 00
Southern Union		
Montgomery Church (Ala)	21 500 00	
Wilmington N.C. Church	<u>21 500 00</u>	43 000 00
Southwestern Union		
Southwestern Junior College		<u>50 000 00</u>
		<u>587 000 00</u>

Total Special Appropriations for North America & General	<u>1 055 000 00</u>
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SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS RECAPITULATION

Total Overseas	1 016 000 00
Total General	468 000 00
Total North America	<u>587 000 00</u>

Total Special Appropriations, Overseas, General, and North America	<u>2 071 000 00</u>
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CHURCH EXTENSION

Overseas Divisions

Australasia	12 000 00	
Central Europe	12 000 00	
Far East	12 000 00	
Inter-America	12 000 00	
Middle East	12 000 00	
Northern Europe	12 000 00	
South America	12 000 00	
South Africa	12 000 00	
Southern Asia	12 000 00	
Southern Europe	<u>12 000 00</u>	120 000 00

North American Unions

Atlantic	8 000 00	
Canadian	8 000 00	
Central	8 000 00	
Columbia	8 000 00	
Lake	8 000 00	
Northern	8 000 00	
North Pacific	8 000 00	
Pacific	8 000 00	
Southern	8 000 00	
Southwestern	<u>8 000 00</u>	<u>80 000 00</u>

Total Church Extension Funds Appropriations

200 000 00SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

Base, All Divisions 13 579 370 35

Specials

Overseas Divisions	1 016 000 00	
General	468 000 00	
North America	<u>587 000 00</u>	2 071 000 00

Estimated Revertible Funds (Basis 1953)

Overseas Divisions	1 511 736 16	
North America	<u>2 941 076 20</u>	<u>4 452 812 36</u>
Totals		20 103 182 71

Church Extension

Overseas	120 000 00	
North America	<u>80 000 00</u>	<u>200 000 00</u>

Total Appropriations for 1955 including
Reversions (Basis 1953)20 303 182 71

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GRATITUDE AND CONSECRATION:

From the Plans Committee came a resolution which was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, During the past year we have had the joy and satisfaction of witnessing unnumbered evidences of God's constant and loving care and protection over His church and many demonstrations of His power in holding in check the powers of evil which are constantly striving to thwart the purpose that He would accomplish through His church and in advancing the work which His people have been commissioned to do in all the earth, and

WHEREAS, The past year has been another year of remarkable growth and developments, and of triumphs and achievements in the onward march of the church, and has been marked by a great influx of new members into the ranks of God's remnant people, be it therefore

Resolved, That we express to God our deep and heartfelt gratitude for His matchless love and His countless mercies and blessings to His people, especially for the gift of the Holy Spirit which has enabled them to accomplish for Him that which cannot be achieved through human strength and material resources alone. Further, that we go forth from this Council with renewed courage and a clearer vision of our divinely appointed task, with a fuller dedication and a more intense devotion to the service of God, and with a determination to lead our fellow believers by love, zeal, and example in a mighty endeavor quickly to finish His work and to hasten the coming of our blessed Lord in power and great glory.

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The Council was led in prayer by J.L. McElhany and then joined in singing, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION:

Plans Committee recommendations were adopted as follows:

We recommend, That our sincere thanks and appreciation be conveyed to the following:

1. The Potomac Conference and the respective boards and members of the Takoma Park and Sligo churches for making available for the work of the Council their fine buildings with their splendid facilities.
2. The members of the respective committees who so thoughtfully arranged for the accommodation and physical comforts of the visiting delegates.
3. The management and staff of the Review and Herald Cafeteria who have catered so efficiently to our physical needs.
4. The press for its courtesy and for the generous publicity that it has given to the Council; and
5. The secretarial staff of the General Conference and to those in charge of the public address system in the Takoma Park church, for their loyal, devoted and efficient service.

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Expression of Appreciation to Police

We recommend, That we express to the Police Department of Takoma Park, Maryland, and of the Sixth Precinct of the District of Columbia, our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for permitting the delegates of the Autumn Council of the General Conference to park their cars on the streets adjacent to the General Conference office and the Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist church on which there are parking limitations.

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CME BUILDING PROGRAM:

W.P.Elliott, chairman of the Board of the College of Medical Evangelists, was requested to report on the building program of the medical college. He stated his conviction that the statement of objectives adopted by this Council will prove a strong factor in the administration of the school and that the decisions made with respect to reorganization are most significant. He mentioned the fine leadership of the various graduate schools and of the overall administration.

The new hospital will be completed about the close of 1954, and its dedication is planned for February 14, 1955. The dental college building is to be ready about June 1 of 1955.

W E MACPHERSON--APPRECIATION:

VOTED, That we express to Dr. W.E.Macpherson our very deep appreciation for the earnest and faithful service which he has given to the denomination during his years as president of the College of Medical Evangelists.

TRAINING AND RECRUITING INSTITUTIONAL PERSONNEL:

VOTED, That the officers of the General Conference be asked to appoint a representative committee to make recommendation to the Autumn Council on a program of education and inspiration for our young people with a view to giving them a vision of God's work and encouraging them to prepare for service in denominational institutions.

WAGE SCALE REVISION:

On request of the Board of Trustees of the College of Medical Evangelists, it was

VOTED, To amend the action of the 1953 Autumn Council (I.2.d, page 1309) pertaining to percentage allowances for radiologists, to read as follows:

"d. (1) After deducting the direct charges from the gross income in the departments of Pathology and Anesthesiology, 5% of the balance shall be equally divided among the doctors in these departments up to \$2,500.00 per individual annually and 2½% on balances in excess of this stipulated amount.

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"(2) In the Department of Radiology 5% of the gross income from private patients shall be equally divided among the doctors up to \$2,500.00 per individual annually and $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ on balances in excess of this stipulated amount."

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Adjourned sine die. Prayer by R.R.Figuhr.

R.R.Figuhr, Chairman
W.P.Bradley, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary