

FIFTH BUSINESS MEETING
Fifty-eighth General Conference Session
St. Louis, Missouri
July 3, 2005, 2:00 p.m.

GCC(St. Louis)/05GCS to JP

152-05GCS PROTOCOL STATEMENT ON ADDITIONS OR
REVISIONS TO THE STATEMENT OF
FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS

VOTED, To approve a Protocol Statement on Additions or Revisions to the Statement of Fundamental Beliefs, which reads as follows:

In adding to and/or revising the Statement of Fundamental Beliefs it is imperative to involve the world church as much as possible in the process. Any suggestion should be based on a serious concern for the well-being of the world church and its message and mission, be biblically based, and informed by the writings of Ellen G White. Considering the importance and necessity of involving the world church in the process of additions and/or revisions to the Statement of Fundamental Beliefs, any suggestion for possible changes should reach the office of the President of the General Conference not later than two (2) years before a General Conference Session.

If the perceived need for additions and/or revisions to the Statement of Fundamental Beliefs is initiated by the world field, the matter should be carefully discussed at each administrative level. In the evaluation of the suggested change the governing body at each level shall establish an appropriate process for evaluation, seeking wide input. The process at each level shall result in the governing body either recommending the proposed change to the next level of administration, or abandoning any further consideration of it. In this way the recommendation for changes in the Statement of Fundamental Beliefs arrive at the General Conference. Once the suggestions reach the General Conference, or if the suggestions originated at the General Conference, it shall appoint an ad hoc committee to coordinate the process and facilitate the dialogue.

The following procedure shall be used by the General Conference in seeking the consensus of the world church in favor of or against the proposed change:

1. The General Conference will coordinate and facilitate the process of discussion through Presidential and the members of the ad hoc committee.

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2. A preliminary draft approved by the Spring Meeting or Annual Council will be sent to the Divisions for reactions and comments. It should be discussed at the Union and Conference/Mission levels and printed in the local church papers.
3. Involve Theology/Religion Departments and Seminaries.
4. Discuss it at the Biblical Research Institute Committee and other pertinent committees.
5. Publish a draft in the *Adventist Review*, the *Ministry*, and place it on the Internet for comments and reactions from church members.
6. The GC ad hoc committee will receive all the suggestions from the world field and prepare the final draft to be submitted to the Annual Council for further discussion before it is placed on the agenda of the General Conference Session.
7. Only the General Conference in session can approve additions or revisions to the Statement of Fundamental Beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #3

VOTED, To approve the following partial report of the Nominating Committee:

General Conference

General Vice Presidents:

Lowell C Cooper
Mark A Finley
King-Yi Eugene Hsu
Gerry D Karst
Armando Miranda
Pardon Kandanga Mwansa
Michael L Ryan
Ella S Simmons
Ted N C Wilson

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Vice Presidents Assigned to Divisions:

Luka T Daniel, West-Central Africa Division
Laurie J Evans, South Pacific Division
Ulrich W Frikart, Euro-Africa Division
Alberto C Gulfan Jr, Southern Asia-Pacific Division
Jairyong Lee, Northern Asia-Pacific Division
Israel Leito, Inter-American Division
Geoffrey G Mbwana, East-Central Africa Division
Ruy H Nagel, South American Division
Paul S Ratsara, Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division
Don C Schneider, North American Division
Artur A Stele, Euro-Asia Division
D Ronald Watts, Southern Asia Division
Bertil A Wiklander, Trans-European Division

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106-05GS GROWING IN CHRIST—ADDITION TO THE
STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS

This item was discussed at length, and discussion will continue in the morning business session.

Adjourned

Gerry D Karst, Chairman
Theodore T Jones, Secretary
Larry R Evans, Actions Editor
Janet C Upson, Recording Secretary