

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION BIENNIAL COUNCILBeirut, LebanonNovember 11, 19648:00 A. M.MEMBERS OF
THE COUNCIL

Members of the Middle East Division Executive Committee:
R. A. Wilcox, R. E. Anderson, Behnam Arshat, C. V. Brauer,
D. L. Chappell, Robert Darnell, Hilal Dose, V. A. Fenn,
A. A. Haddad, Kenneth Harding, J. Sherwood Jones, Maurice
Katrib, G. Arthur Keough, George Khoury, H. C. Lamp,
D. C. Ludington, L. Curtis Miller, Manoug Nazirian,
H. E. Robinson;

From the General Conference: C. L. Torrey;

Section and Institution Treasurers or Business Managers:
Boutros Ghazal, Vigain Marcarian, Henry Melki, Zaki Saliba,
George Yared;

Appointed Representatives: Abadir Abdel-Messih, Naim Awais,
Mousa Azar, Najeeb Azar, Manuk Benzatyan, W. J. Clemons,
R. L. Fenn, Melcom Gasparian, William Gayed, Ziki Hannawi,
John Hasso, Gabriel Katrib, Issa Kharma, Philip Saaty,
Philip Srour, E. W. Waring;

By Invitation: Edmond Haddad, Hanna Kebbas, Fikry Mikhail,
Jabbour Semaan, Chafic Srour, R. W. Wilmot.

DEVOTIONAL

The devotional service opened with two hymns and a season of prayer led by Jabbour Semaan, Kenneth Harding, and Hilal Dose. R. A. Wilcox presented a message based on Philippians 3:13-16. Paul's example in having a single purpose was cited and recommended. He recognized his goals were yet to be reached. He was especially conscious that Christ had laid hold of him and desired to lay hold of Christ. Paul wanted to forget the past. Many cannot go on tomorrow because they cannot get rid of yesterday. Paul forgot what might make him proud or what might discourage him. The Apostle pressed forward. This means he influenced strongly and he hastened for Christ. Like Paul, we need to reach out. The "reaching out" of this group, Elder Wilcox said, greatly encouraged him. He appealed to the group to discover God's goals for them as individuals. "Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God." Christ's Object Lessons, p. 329. Many responded to Elder Wilcox's message with testimonies as to their goals and their determination to press upward.

The service closed with the singing of "I'm Pressing On the Upward Way" and prayer by Elder Mousa Azar.

OPENING

The Council was opened at 8:20 a.m. A word of welcome was extended to the delegates with special note of Dr. Ludington who was present in spite of minor injuries suffered in a miraculous deliverance from an automobile accident.

PROGRAM
64/245

VOTED, To approve the daily program as published in the agenda folder.

SUBCOMMITTEES
64/246

VOTED, To approve the appointments to the subcommittees as published in the agenda folder.

DISTRIBUTION
OF AGENDA

The items of the agenda were distributed to the several subcommittees. The secretary was asked to arrange for a Resolution of Gratitude and Dedication. Three items were referred to the Educational Board as follows: MEC Extension School affiliation, Gabal Asfar Academy status, and a statement from the Autumn Council on adding secondary classes.

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT
64/247

The Division president presented his report. He set before the Council the goal of reaching a church membership of 3,000 during the next biennium. Among the items of progress reported were the purchase of a center for work in Jerusalem, advances in the distribution of literature, and churches nearing completion in Tehran, Beirut, and Basrah. He emphasized the importance of church buildings for the stability of the work.

VOTED, To record the Council's acceptance of the president's report.

TREASURER'S REPORT
AND AUDITOR'S
STATEMENT
64/248

The Division treasurer reported a cheering increase in tithe in 1963 over 1962 of LL 60,145.00 and in offerings of LL 9,379.67. The Division was reported in sound financial condition, with no outstanding indebtedness. The Auditor's Statement, prepared by Werber Johnson, was also presented.

VOTED, To accept the treasurer's report and the Auditor's Statement.

SPECIAL
SOLICITATION
64/249

VOTED, To record the statement of the 1964 Autumn Council of the General Conference on Special Solicitation appealing to our people to support the regular church channels for giving and receiving mission funds as follows:

STATEMENT ON SPECIAL SOLICITATION FOR OVERSEAS PROJECTS

Recognizing the great benefit which has come to our denominational program at home and abroad as a result of the financial system which has been developed through the years, and realizing the problems which doubtless would arise if we were to deviate from the regular methods of raising funds,

We, as representatives of the Overseas Divisions meeting in council with the Home Officers, express our sincere appreciation of the whole-hearted support of our world mission program by the leaders and churches in every division of the world field. This support has been given generously

through mission offerings, the raising of funds by In-gathering, and through the release of competent and trained workers for service in foreign countries.

We are aware that at times some earnest workers in overseas lands have made direct or indirect solicitation for funds, equipment or other articles from friends and sometimes from churches in the homeland. We are also aware of the fact that the idea of contributing directly to the establishment or support of some particular project in an overseas field has a special appeal to some church members; but we know that if this were encouraged the result could affect seriously the operation of a balanced worldwide mission program.

As leaders we deplore any deviations from the regular way of raising funds, and confirm our desire to work in full harmony with the regular denominational plan for meeting all the needs of the work at home and abroad.

We urge that division Officers give counsel to missionaries regarding this matter to guide them both in the field and while on furlough.

Although we believe that our church members should be encouraged always to contribute to the support of the world program through regular channels, we realize that occasionally a church member may wish to make a substantial and special contribution to some worthy project by way of gift or bequest, and that unless this is accepted it might be lost to the cause of God. We would suggest that study be given to this kind of situation by an appropriate group with a view to arranging some way by which the matter may be handled in a manner consistent with our goal of equitable support for the whole world field.

We are encouraged by the increasing measure of support being provided from within our overseas divisions, and will continue to make every effort to lead our churches in other lands to share in supporting the work to the utmost of their ability.

ARABIC HYMNBOOK
REPORT

A report of the plans to prepare an Arabic hymnbook was given by the chairman of the Hymnbook Committee. The project was reported at the stage of requesting rights to translations used by the Protestant community and the use of plates from their present publishing project if it can be agreed upon.

BENGHAZI HOSPITAL
BUILDING PLANS

Elder Wilcox reported that the present facilities at Benghazi Hospital have been expanded to their utmost. There is a need to get into a new building and land has been acquired providentially. The first bids proved out of reach of the budget, but economies have been made, such as cutting down on the air conditioning, without sacrificing floor space, and new tenders are to be made.

SECTION YEAR-END
COMMITTEE DATES
64/250

VOTED, To revise the dates voted at the annual meeting in November, 1963 for the Section year-end committees as follows:

Egypt	November	19-23
Iraq	"	25-26
Iran	"	27-30
Lebanon	December	6,7
Syria	"	8-9
Cyprus	"	10
Turkey	"	11-14
Jordan	"	21-23

DIVISION MID-YEAR
MEETING, 1965
TREASURERS INVITED
64/251

VOTED, To set the date of the 1965 mid-year meeting of the executive committee for June 7 and 8 and to invite the Section treasurers and Division institution treasurers or business managers to this meeting in connection with a treasurers' meeting with the Division treasurer and General Conference auditor, June 9 and 10.

DIVISION YEAR-END
MEETING, 1965
64/252

VOTED, To set the date of the 1965 year-end meeting of the executive committee for November 10-17.

RECESS

Prayer: George Khoury. Recessed at 11:45 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

OPENING

The Council reconvened at 4:00 p.m. and opened with prayer by Dr. H. C. Lamp.

REPORTS

Elder C. V. Brauer reported for the Home Missionary and Radio Departments, Dr. D. C. Ludington for the Benghazi Adventist Hospital, Elder A. A. Haddad for the Temperance and Missionary Volunteer Departments, and Elder Kenneth Harding for the Iran Section.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 5:45 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. November 12. Prayer: Richard Fenn.

DEVOTIONAL

Henry Melki, Manuk Benzatyan, and R. A. Wilcox led a season of prayer following the opening hymns. L. C. Miller presented a study from II Peter on the meaning of a worker's life in this area. He mentioned the scoffing attitude of the world, and asked why Jesus doesn't come. God doesn't want one soul to perish; He especially loves His church. Instead of saying, "My Lord delayeth His coming," we might better say "I delay my Lord's coming." We must do something positive for Christ every day. We can, through the righteousness of Christ in our lives, cut short the work in our field. We must "think big," "do it now." If what we did yesterday still seems big, we didn't do much today. He appealed that the council pray the Lord of harvest, "Send forth workers."

The service was closed with a hymn and prayer.

OPENING

The Council was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Prayer was offered by John Hasso.

CREDENTIALS
COMMITTEE
64/253

VOTED, To substitute the names of Elders W. J. Clemons and Manoug Nazirian on the Credentials and Licenses Committee for R. E. Anderson and D. C. Ludington, in order to comply with policy requirements.

RECESS

The Council recessed at 9:15 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., allowing for the meeting of various subcommittees. Prayer: A. A. Haddad.

OPENING

The Council reconvened at 4:00 p.m. Prayer was offered by Edmond Haddad.

HM SECRETARIES TO
LEBANON INSTITUTE
64/254

VOTED, To invite the local Section Home Missionary secretaries to the Lebanon Section Laymen's Institute in Beirut, January 25-31.

LEADERSHIP MANUALS
FOR LAYMEN'S
INSTITUTES
64/255

VOTED, 1. To authorize the Division Home Missionary Department to order sufficient sets of the six-book Leadership Series prepared by Elder Schoen to supply each English-reading delegate to the 1965 Laymen's Institutes with one set, and that the cost (\$2.00 per set) be divided equally by the Division and Sections, and

2. To authorize the Division Home Missionary Department to translate the first two manuals of the Leadership Series into Arabic and Armenian, providing a mimeographed copy for each Arabic- or Armenian-speaking delegate attending the 1965 Laymen's Institutes, the expenses to be borne by the Division Home Missionary Department.

VBS TEACHERS'
GUIDES
64/256

VOTED, To authorize the Division Sabbath School Department to have the Vacation Bible School Teachers' Guides, Series A, for the Kindergarten, Primary, and Junior groups translated into Arabic and mimeographed in time for the 1965 Vacation Bible School program, and

That these guides be supplied free of charge to the teachers by the Division Sabbath School Department.

PROMOTION OF
OFFERINGS
64/257

WHEREAS, The servant of the Lord has laid the responsibility directly on the leadership to teach faithfulness in tithes and offerings, in such statements as the following:

"If all the tithes of our people flowed into the treasury of the Lord as they should, such blessings would be received that gifts and offerings for sacred purposes would be multiplied tenfold, and thus the channel between God and man would be kept open." Testimonies, Vol. 4, pp. 475, 476.

"When they (ministers) neglect to teach the people their obligation to God in tithes and offerings, they neglect one important part of the work which their Master has left them to do, and 'unfaithful servant' is written against their names in the books of heaven." Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 256, therefore

VOTED, 1. That ministers, church elders, and school and institutional leaders be encouraged to preach and teach concerning the obligations and blessings of individual faithfulness in benevolence,

2. That, in addition to the normal year-round promotion of offerings, the month of December be used as a special opportunity for preaching and teaching these obligations,

3. That during this month the principle of systematic benevolence be emphasized in plans being made for the new year, and

4. That at the same time all be urged to close the year with their tithe and offering accounts squared up before the Lord.

1965 CHURCH CALENDAR
REVISIONS
64/258

VOTED, To revise the 1965 Church Calendar as follows:

Add: February 6 Home Visitation Day
April 10-17 Health Emphasis Week

Change the Hope campaign, April 3-24, and Hope subscriptions offering, April 24, to Call to Health campaign and subscriptions offering.

Change the Call to Health campaign, October 9 to November 6, and Call to Health subscriptions offering, November 6, to Hope campaign and subscriptions offering.

1966 CHURCH CALENDAR VOTED, To adopt the 1966 Church Calendar as follows:
64/259

<u>Date</u>	<u>Special Days</u>	<u>Special Offerings</u>
January 1	Soul-winning Plans and Projects	Church Missionary
February 5	Bible Evangelism Crusade	Church Missionary
12		Middle East College
19	Christian Home & Fam. Altar Day	
19-26	Christian Home Week	
26	Temperance Commitment Day	
March 5	Visitation Evangelism	Church Missionary
12	Sabbath School Rally Day	
19	Missionary Volunteer Day	
19-26	Missionary Volunteer Week	
26	Thirteenth Sabbath	Inter-American Div.
April 2		Million Dollar
2-23	<u>Call to Health Campaign</u>	
9-16	Health Emphasis Week	
23	<u>Call to Health Campaign Closes</u>	<u>Call to Health Subs.</u>
May 7	Health & Welfare Evangelism Day	Church Missionary
7-14	Spirit of Prophecy Week	
14	Spirit of Prophecy Day	Disaster & Fam. Rel. (MED)
28	Bible Corres. Sch. Enrollment Day	
June 4		Church Missionary
25	Thirteenth Sabbath	Middle East Division
July 2	Medical Missionary Day	Church Missionary
August 6	Pioneer Evangelism	Church Missionary
20	Educational Day	Elem. Sch. Offering
September 3	Literature Evang. Rally Day	Church Missionary
10	Missions Extension Day	Missions Extension
17	JMV Pathfinder Day	
24	Thirteenth Sabbath	Trans-Africa Div.
October 1	Neighborhood Evangelism	Church Missionary
1-8	Voice of Prophecy Campaign	
8	Sabbath School Visitors' Day	Voice of Prophecy
15	Community Relations Day	
15-29	<u>Hope Campaign</u>	
22	Temperance Day	Temperance
29	Hope Campaign Closes	Hope Subscriptions
November 5		Church Missionary
5-12	Week of Prayer	
12		Annual Sacrifice Off.
19	Ingathering Campaign Launching Day	
19-Jan 7, 1967	Ingathering Campaign	
December 3	Ingathering Campaign Promotion	Church Missionary
10	Tithe Promotion	
24	Thirteenth Sabbath	South American Div.

SCHOOL LITERATURE
DISTRIBUTION
64/260

VOTED, That our elementary schools, academies, and Middle East College organize a planned distribution of literature to the non-Adventist parents of their students.

That each school board, in counsel with the Section president concerned, decide yearly which books and/or magazines the non-Adventist parents should receive during that school year, and

That, as far as possible, a teacher present the literature in person to the parents, using the occasion to get better acquainted with the family, thus keeping the appreciation of the parents for our school and for the Adventist way of life.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY
EMPHASIS;
1965 BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR
64/261

WHEREAS, The Spirit of Prophecy books have often been instrumental in bringing people into the third angel's message, and

WHEREAS, These books strengthen our people spiritually, keeping them in the message and aiding them in preparation for heaven, therefore

VOTED, 1. That The Desire of Ages be named as missionary book-of-the-year for 1965 and as Spirit of Prophecy book-of-the-year for 1965, calling for the promotion of its purchase among our members for their reading and for missionary use as loans or gifts to their friends.

2. That all Seventh-day Adventists in the Division, both youth and adults, be encouraged to purchase and study the available Spirit of Prophecy writings through the holding of special book sales in the churches by the Book and Periodical Houses during the next biennium (paralleling similar sales in the world field during the same period) and through the personal efforts of church leaders in their pastoral ministry.

3. That our churches be encouraged to adopt a concerted reading program, to be known as the Church Reading Fellowship, whereby the members may study systematically, perhaps in connection with prayer meeting talks, The Desire of Ages, using a home reading assignment to be announced from Sabbath to Sabbath by the pastor or church elder and using any outlines or guides as may be provided, and

4. That the Prophetic Guidance Correspondence Lessons, offered by the Lebanon VOP Correspondence School since early 1964, continue to be promoted as a means of acquainting our people with the prophetic gift in the church.

FIVE-DAY PLAN;
ANTI-TOBACCO
EDUCATION
64/262

WHEREAS, Efforts are already being made to restrict tobacco advertising and smoking in public places, and to educate the public, especially the youth, as to the hazards of smoking, and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society is urging all university presidents, not only to restrict tobacco propaganda directed to university students, but to launch an educational program against smoking, and

WHEREAS, More and more national governments as well as medical and other professional societies are taking a definite stand on this issue, and

WHEREAS, We have been admonished by the Spirit of Prophecy that we are to be in the forefront of such a movement; therefore

VOTED, 1. That the Division Temperance secretary and the Division medical secretary be authorized to set up immediate plans and arrange for the necessary 5-Day Plan materials to be available in the local languages with the view of starting the 5-Day Plan campaign in the Middle East as early as possible in 1965.

2. That we encourage all our ministerial, medical, educational, and youth leaders to become thoroughly acquainted with the 5-Day Plan and use this information, whenever feasible, to assist those who have become enslaved by tobacco.

3. That our school administrators and teachers be urged to carry on an intensive educational program in all our educational institutions, calling the attention of our students to the hazards of smoking.

GREATER HEALTH AND
WELFARE MINISTRY
64/263

WHEREAS, The climactic changes of these days of crises and trouble have increased the tension of modern living, intensifying existing human problems and creating new ones, and

WHEREAS, There are persons everywhere with deep, unmet needs, physical and spiritual--the sick, the poor, the orphaned, the widowed, members of broken homes, those in the grip of evil habits, the brokenhearted, etc.--and

WHEREAS, Many of these needs can be met effectively through the friendship and helping hand of consecrated Christian welfare workers, and

WHEREAS, The church is to reveal the character and to carry on the ministry of Christ on this earth, extending His love in practical ways to meet human needs, and

WHEREAS, Meeting such needs is necessary to the spiritual health and character development of church members; therefore

VOTED, 1. That a call be sounded to our entire church

membership to enlist in personal Health and Welfare services as exemplified by the life of our Lord.

2. That our Health and Welfare services, patterned after the work of Christ, endeavor to provide a complete ministry-physical and spiritual.

3. That our Health and Welfare workers be asked to devote all available time and resources to this type of ministry on behalf of those in need, and especially to visiting these persons in their homes.

4. That Section committees be urged to provide a liberal (15% to 35%) portion of Ingathering reversion funds for Health and Welfare services which will benefit families of the communities where these funds are gathered.

5. That the entire church membership be invited to join in helping supply the necessary resources for this Health and Welfare ministry to the community by making the support of the Welfare service a part of the church budget, the family budget, and the individual budget, even at the cost of sacrifice.

6. That we urge all to follow the divine plan for giving to the poor as outlined in sacred Scripture and in the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy--namely, by giving systematically, proportionately, and regularly, either weekly or monthly, as is most convenient.

7. That to provide a definite channel whereby these offerings for community Health and Welfare service will reach the local church treasury, Sections be asked to include "Welfare Fund" in the listing of local church funds on the tithe and offering envelope.

8. That where a church desires to operate a Health and Welfare Center or to help support a multiple church Health and Welfare Center, this welfare fund may be drawn upon to establish and operate such a Center.

9. That a substantial portion of the church welfare fund be made available by the church board to the Dorcas Welfare Society for exclusive use in Health and Welfare projects benefiting non-Adventist indigent families and disaster victims in the community.

10. That pastors and church officers be urged to keep before the church members the sacred duty and opportunity we have to engage in Health and Welfare service, and the great blessing this work will bring, both to us and to others as we walk in the footsteps of our Lord and seek to be a friend to man.

VISITATION
EVANGELISM
64/264

WHEREAS, Inspired instruction declares that "house-to-house labor, searching for souls, hunting for the lost sheep, is the most essential work that can be done." -- Evangelism, p. 431; and

WHEREAS, Visitation evangelism is the master key to finding the souls interested in the truth, in city, suburban and rural homes, and remembering that "many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in." -- Christian Service, p. 143; and

WHEREAS, In this time when prophecy focuses on the fast approaching end and challenges every Seventh-day Adventist church to take part in a great visitation campaign; therefore

VOTED, 1. That visitation evangelism be emphasized in the year 1965 by the use of the designation "Care Enough to Call" Year in the churches and Sections throughout the Division.

2. That the new Home Missionary Department film on visitation evangelism, "Whatever Happened to Bob Brown?" be used to give impetus to the visitation program and instruction in visitation approaches.

3. That the Division and Section Home Missionary Departments devise more effective methods of personal evangelism with the aim of utilizing all the soul-winning talents of the lay membership.

HOME VISITATION
TRACTS
64/265

VOTED, To authorize the Home Missionary Department to prepare three Home Visitation Day tracts for 1965 of the size and quality of those used during 1964, and that the subjects be as follows:

February 6 - tract about the Bible
April 3 - tract "Is Jesus Your Friend?"
October 2 - tract on Health or Temperance

USE OF SABBATH
SCHOOL QUARTERLIES
64/266

WHEREAS, The Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly is the only weekly Adventist religious publication in Arabic and Armenian being supplied to our members, and

WHEREAS, Only about 1,500 Lesson Quarterlies in all languages and age groups are being used presently among our 3,900 Sabbath School members in 72 regular and 37 Branch Sabbath Schools in our Division; therefore,

VOTED, To recommend that local Sabbath School councils adopt plans to provide every Sabbath School member and visitor a Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly in his own language where available, and

That the pastor in his sermons and personal counseling emphasize the advantage of personal ownership and use of the Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly, suggesting how to study the lesson in a way to make the subject interesting and helpful for everyday living, and

That the Sabbath School expense fund be used to provide the Sabbath School Lesson Quarterlies, as well as other materials for the Sabbath School divisions such as memory verse cards and picture rolls, and

That in order to maintain sufficient funds for this purpose, a weekly offering for expense be taken in the Sabbath School.

"LIGHT FOR TODAY"
COURSE IN TURKISH
64/267

WHEREAS, An introductory religious course is needed to offer the graduates of the Turkish Health course,

VOTED, That the introductory religious course "Light for Today" be translated and printed in the Turkish language and used as the course to be offered the graduates of the Health course, the particulars being as follows:

1. The Turkey Section to be responsible for the translation of the course.
2. The Lebanon VOP School to be responsible for printing and handling the course

" LIGHT OF THE WORLD"
COURSE IN ARABIC
64/268

VOTED, To authorize the Radio-TV Department to arrange the translation of the "Light of the World" course into Arabic.

ARABIC BRAILLE
CORRESPONDENCE
COURSES
64/269

VOTED, That the correspondence course project for the blind in Arabic Braille be handled as follows:

1. That a monthly magazine for the blind, entitled LIFE AND HEALTH, be prepared by the Division Radio-TV Department and published in Arabic braille, this magazine to contain the lessons of the Arabic correspondence course cycle, beginning with the health course.
2. That the name of the sponsoring organization be ADVENTIST EDUCATIONAL SERVICE FOR THE BLIND.
3. That the printing be done by the Lebanon National Institute for the Blind at a cost of LL 1.25 per copy, and a maximum of 400 copies monthly, it being understood that the appropriations already voted are sufficient to carry this project for one year.
4. That we enlist the support of our Arabic-speaking workers and members to contact the blind and build up a mailing list.
5. That for the present we offer the health course on a self-grading basis with certificates to be given those completing the course.
6. That the Lebanon VOP office handle the mailing and correspondence for the magazine and course.

INCREASE IN
SABBATH SCHOOL
OFFERINGS
64/270

In view of the blessings of the Lord upon His people, and the opportunities for advance even in difficult times, it was

VOTED, That we undertake to increase our individual Sabbath School offerings by fifty per cent in 1965, and encourage all our people to join us.

INVESTMENT
OFFERING GOAL
64/271

WHEREAS, The amount reported for Investment in our Division from October 1, 1963 to September 30, 1964 was only \$688.81; therefore,

VOTED, That the 1965 Sabbath School Investment goal for the Division remain the same as it was in 1964--\$2,000.00 and

That the Section Sabbath School secretary, in counsel with the Section president and pastors, set the 1965 Investment goal for his field, suggesting LL 3.00 per member as a minimum goal, and

That the superintendent call for the Investment offering once each month, not just in the Fall of the year, and

That the Sabbath School council appoint an Investment secretary to promote this phase of Sabbath School evangelism.

BRANCH SABBATH
SCHOOLS
64/272

WHEREAS, The Middle East Division Branch Sabbath School goal for the present quadrennium is 250, and

WHEREAS, The accumulated number of Branch Sabbath Schools is now only 101 (this number includes those in operation on January 1, 1962 plus new ones started since that date), and

WHEREAS, We are deeply conscious of the need of a marked increase in Sabbath School membership in our Division during the remaining year of this quadrennium period, and

WHEREAS, Our gain from January 1, 1962, until June 30, 1964 was: Regular Sabbath Schools, 0; Branch Sabbath Schools, 2; Sabbath School Membership, 327; and Church Membership, 331; therefore

VOTED, That the basic Branch Sabbath School goal of one Branch Sabbath School for each senior class and each junior division as voted in previous Division meetings be reaffirmed, and

That, in order to reach this standard, the 1965 goal for new Branch Sabbath Schools be 100, divided among the Sections as follows:

Cyprus	2
Egypt	35
Iran	13
Iraq	13
Jordan	6
Lebanon	15
Libya	2
Syria	8
Turkey	6
Total	<u>100</u>

INGATHERING
64/273

WHEREAS, Ingathering is an important factor in helping us to achieve our "heaven appointed purpose of giving the gospel to the world in this generation," Education, p. 262, and

WHEREAS, We recognize the importance of conducting the Ingathering Campaign and recording the collection and disbursement of Ingathering funds in such a way as will meet satisfactorily the expectations of the public and the scrutiny of governmental authorities; therefore

VOTED, 1. That every Section and church emphasize Ingathering as personal evangelism with opportunity to make every call a missionary contact and to leave an impression favorable to our sacred cause. Ingathering should be recognized as one of the church's outstanding efforts to contact the better classes.

2. That where permission for public solicitation is needed, we seek to obtain this permission before launching the Ingathering Campaign, and that where permission cannot be secured we suggest that the goals be reached by the personal gifts of church members, the sale of calendars, and judicious solicitation among personal business and other friends.

3. That careful records of Ingathering funds received be kept, and that the Ingathering reversion be maintained as a separate fund for disbursements to projects in keeping with the Ingathering Funds Policy. Where public interest demands the disbursement of funds locally equal to the amount raised locally, we suggest that local Sections provide in their budget welfare funds to supplement the Ingathering reversion.

4. That all income resulting from the Ingathering effort shall be considered Division funds and shall be remitted monthly in the regular way to the Division treasury. Ingathering funds received and remitted from March 1 to December 31 of each year shall be designated as applying on the Ingathering goal of the succeeding year.

5. That beginning with the 1966 campaign, the Division Home Missionary Department will allocate supplies to the local fields for Ingathering, the cost to be deducted from the Ingathering receipts before computing the reversion, but not to be deducted from the record of goals reached.

INGATHERING
FOLDER COMMITTEE
64/274

VOTED, To appoint the following committee to prepare the Ingathering folder for the 1966 campaign and report to the mid-year meeting:

C. V. Brauer	V. A. Fenn
R. E. Anderson	A. A. Haddad
Robert Darnell	H. C. Lamp
Hilal Dose	

1966 INGATHERING
CAMPAIGN GOALS
64/275

VOTED, To divide the 1966 Ingathering Campaign goal among the Sections as follows:

Cyprus	Cy£	125.000
Egypt	EEg	300.000
Iran	Rials	140,000.00
Iraq	ID	800.000
Jordan	JD	150.000
Lebanon	LE	12,000.00
Syria	Sy£	750.00
Turkey	Tq£	1,500.00

COMMITTEE FOR
OFFERING PROMOTION
64/276

VOTED, To appoint a committee for offering promotion as follows:

V. A. Fenn, Chairman
Division Officers
Division Departmental Secretaries
Lebanon Section President and Treasurer

RECESS

The Council recessed at 5:35 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.
Prayer: Boutros Ghazal

OPENING

The Council reconvened at 7:30 p.m. and was opened with prayer by Fikry Mikhail.

REPORTS

Reports were presented as follows:

D. L. Chappell, Publishing Department
G. Arthur Keough, Middle East College
Behnam Arshat, Iraq Section
W. J. Clemons, Benghazi Church
George Khoury, Lebanon Section
H. C. Lamp and Jabbour Semaan, Medical Department

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned for the day at 9:00 p.m. Issa Kharma offered prayer.

DEVOTIONAL

A season of prayer was led by Ziki Hannawi, Melcom Gasparian, and W. J. Clemons. Then C. L. Torrey spoke on Hebrews 10:23, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope." There have always been temptations to let go. Ten years after the great disappointment we had our first offshoot, but every offshoot that started, ended. In the early church and during the Dark Ages persecution tried the believers but they were encouraged to "hold fast."

Elder Torrey listed five points which strengthened his confession of hope: 1) The fulfilling of prophecies concerning the healing of the deadly wound. 2) The violence in the earth, as it was in the days of Noah. 3) The prevailing mood of fear. 4) The increase in knowledge. Man's attempts to reach distant planets, perhaps inhabited by sinless beings, are like the building of the Tower of Babel. God will intervene. 5) The giving of the gospel in all the world. The speaker emphasized this by tracing the rapid growth of the remnant church. He appealed for all to stay on the heaven-bound car. We're not only heaven-bound, but almost home.

H. E. Robinson offered prayer.

OPENING

The Council opened at 9:15 a.m., Friday, November 13, J. Sherwood Jones offered prayer.

WELFARE SOCIETY
INSIGNIA
64/277

WHEREAS, In time of disaster or when engaged in regular Dorcas-Welfare work, there is a need for some identifying insignia to be worn by Dorcas-Welfare personnel,

VOTED, That the Division Home Missionary Department prepare insignia similar to the official insignia of the General Conference Home Missionary Department, but in the languages used in this Division (Arabic, Armenian, Farsee, Greek, and Turkish), and that such insignia, when not worn on the official uniforms, be worn on an armband, such armbands to be supplied by the local Sections.

WELFARE SOCIETY
UNIFORMS
64/278

WHEREAS, The wearing of suitable uniforms by Dorcas-Welfare personnel lends dignity and creates confidence in our work, and

WHEREAS, The recommendation from the General Conference on the wearing of uniforms is being carried out with good results in other overseas Divisions,

VOTED, That each Section Home Missionary Department encourage our Dorcas-Welfare Societies to prepare uniforms to be worn by all Dorcas-Welfare personnel, with the understanding that all uniforms be prepared after the models owned by the Division Home Missionary Department.

PLANS FOR SUMMER
CAMP GROWTH
64/279

WHEREAS, Summer training camps for our junior boys and girls have become an established successful program in the Middle East, and

WHEREAS, The Division MV Department feels that this is the time to extend this service and inspiration to other age groups,

VOTED, 1. That our local Section committees, whenever possible, make specific arrangements as they plan for the JMV camping program of 1965 to have it followed with a

youth camp that would take in the ages from 16-22.

2. That we urge our local Section committees to study the possibilities of establishing permanent youth camps as soon as possible.

1965 MV TARGET GOAL
64/280

WHEREAS, Missionary Volunteer soul winning brings renewed spiritual life to the youth within the church and produces thousands of candidates for baptism, and

WHEREAS, The General Conference has voted to continue MV Target 30,000 during the year 1965 and up to the 1966 General Conference Session,

VOTED, That we adopt a new MV Target goal of 150 baptisms for the Middle East Division for 1965 suggesting that every MV Society participate in one or more of the four following projects within the year 1965:

1. An MV Voice of Youth evangelistic series.
2. An Operation Fireside Bible study series.
3. A Friendship Teams plan in connection with an evangelistic meeting conducted by a pastor, evangelist, or the conference MV secretary.
4. A Branch Sabbath School conducted by the MV Society over a period of at least six months.

SECTION RADIO-TV
DEPARTMENT
SECRETARIES
64/281

WHEREAS, There is a need for the appointment of local Section Radio-TV secretaries to promote the interests of the department, especially in view of the increased activity of our Bible schools, and

WHEREAS, It is a denominational recommendation that such secretaries be appointed,

VOTED, That each local Section appoint someone to serve as the Radio-TV secretary, suggesting that it be the Section president.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP
GOAL
64/282

VOTED, To increase the number of Seventh-day Adventists in the Middle East Division to 3,000 by the time of the convening of the quadrennial session of the General Conference in 1966, and to distribute the increase from the present membership of 2,451 to the projected 1966 membership of 3,000 as follows:

Cyprus	30	up	6	from	24
Egypt	1,150	up	192	from	958
Iran	375	up	72	from	303
Iraq	225	up	52	from	173
Jordan	225	up	51	from	174
Lebanon	675	up	135	from	540
Libya	50	up	12	from	38
Syria	225	up	49	from	176
Turkey	80	up	18	from	62
1966 Total	3,035				

IRAQ CORRESPONDENCE
SCHOOL
64/283

VOTED, To approve the request of the Iraq Section to set up a correspondence school in Baghdad.

SALE OF JORDAN
PROPERTIES
64/284

VOTED, To approve the request of the Jordan Section to sell the Amman property that had been purchased for a Boys' School and to sell the Jerusalem Church property, it being understood that the Jordan Section will keep the Division officers informed on the procedures and to seek counsel from them on this matter.

1965 MISSIONS
EXTENSION OFFERING
64/285

VOTED, That the 1965 Missions Extension Offering be used for the Middle East College Affiliation Expansion projects.

BIBLE SOCIETY
DONATION
64/286

VOTED, To donate LL 100.00 to the local Bible Society as our annual donation for 1965.

WELFARE REQUESTS
64/287

VOTED, To request food and clothing from the General Conference Welfare Service as follows:

Egypt	250 bales of used clothing 50 Barrels of used shoes 6 tons of flour 6 tons of cheese 6 tons of powdered milk 6 tons of powdered eggs 6 tons of food oil A supply of vitamins
Libya	1 ton of powdered milk 1 ton of powdered eggs
Jordan	100 bales of winter clothing
Cyprus	40 bales of winter clothing 20 bales of summer clothing
Turkey	2000 CARE units
Syria	10 barrels of used shoes 40 bales of winter clothing 30 bales of summer clothing 1 ton of powdered milk 1 ton of powdered eggs

RENT CEILING
ADJUSTMENTS
64/288

VOTED, 1. To adjust the rent ceiling in Aley and Tripoli, Lebanon, from 25 per cent to 35 per cent.

2. To adjust the rent ceiling in Amman, Jordan, from 35 per cent to 40 per cent, and

3. To adjust the rent ceiling in Damascus and Aleppo, Syria, from 30 per cent to 35 per cent.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY
DISCOUNT
64/289

VOTED, To continue through 1965 the 50 per cent discount on English Spirit of Prophecy books for national workers and members and to encourage them to build up their Spirit of Prophecy library (See Action # 2023 for policy)

ENGLISH PERIODICAL
DISCOUNT
64/290

VOTED, To continue through 1965 the 50 per cent discount on English periodicals to national workers and members who read English. (See Action # 2023 for policy)

DESIRE OF AGES:
BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR
EDITION
64/291

VOTED, To recommend to Middle East Press the preparation of a paperback edition of Desire of Ages to be used as the 1965 Book-of-the-Year. The cost of each book is to be LL 5.00, or its equivalent, to be paid as follows: LL 3.00 from the church member, LL .50 from the local Section, and LL 1.50 from the Division. It is further recommended that the edition be 1,500 copies, to be assigned as quotas to the Sections as follows:

Egypt Section	500
Iraq Section	250
Jordan Section	200
Lebanon Section	350
Syria Section	200
	<u>1,500</u>

PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIP FEES AND
MAGAZINE ALLOWANCE
64/292

VOTED, 1. That physicians, dentists, nurses, and para-medical personnel be allowed the cost of membership fees in one medical society of his or her homeland and of membership in one medical society of the country of labor, and

2. That physicians, dentists, nurses, and para-medical personnel be provided with a homeland professional journal and a professional journal of the local area according to personal choice. If no local journal exists, they may choose another professional journal most applicable to their local needs.

LOCAL AUDITS
64/293

VOTED, To insert on page 80 of the Division Working Policy, between paragraphs one and two, the following paragraphs:

"It is the duty of the local Section treasurer to audit the books of the local church treasurers at least once each year.

"The Section treasurer is required to report to the Section committee at the time of the annual audit regarding this feature of his work, indicating whether or not each church has been audited during the year.

"The financial records of schools, of Dorcas Federations and Welfare Centers, and of other local Section or church enterprises, shall be audited by or under the supervision of the local Section treasurer in whose field the enterprise is located."

VACATION POLICY
64/294

VOTED, To delete on page 56 of the Division Working Policy, under the heading "Vacations" the figure "20" and substitute the figure "15," thus allowing an additional week of vacation to those who have completed 15 rather than 20 years of continuous full-time denominational service.

DIVISION COUNCILS
64/295

VOTED, 1. To delete the word "session" in the phrase "division committee in council session" on page 27 of the Division Working Policy, paragraph 7.

2. To delete the words "in session" after the phrase "division council" (p. 33, Article V, Sect. 2) and insert "between division council meetings" after the phrase "vacancies in such offices."

SUSTENTEEES
SERVICE RECORD
64/296

VOTED, 1. To delete the sentence "This six months is considered a part of the worker's service record," (Division Working Policy, p. 111, par. 28) so that the paragraph will read as follows:

"When a worker becomes incapacitated and ceases from active service, his employing organization shall continue his full salary for six months prior to his admittance to the sustentation fund. In case of the death of a worker the full salary shall be paid to his widow on the same basis. The following are exceptions to this general regulation:"

2. To add to par. 45, p. 116, the following:

"As from October, 1955, beneficiaries under 65 years of age subsidized up to 80 per cent of a regular salary, after they have worked on this basis for two years, one year's credit may be granted for two years of work, it being understood that the adjustment in service will be made at the time they cease to be subsidized workers."

SUSTENTATION
PERCENTAGE
INCREASE
64/297

VOTED, To replace "one" by "two" on page 113 of the Division Working Policy, in par. 35, and add, "thus making the maximum 60 per cent" at the end of the paragraph.

POLICY REVISIONS
64/298

VOTED, 1. To substitute "married" for "family" in par. 39 p. 114, of the Division Working Policy.

2. To revise par. 2, p. 45, to read: "2. Missionary credentials, issued to workers of experience or those carrying major responsibilities, not ordained, including elementary and secondary teachers."

3. To revise par. 2, p. 70, to read: "2. Where circumstances make it desirable, a candidate may be ordained between regular sessions, providing the union and local section committees have approved his ordination."

EMPLOYMENT CARD
64/299

VOTED, On page 46 of the Division Working Policy, par. 9, to add "Employment Card" to the papers granted by employing organizations as follows:

"9. Employment Cards, issued by the employing organization to all industrial and miscellaneous office and miscellaneous institutional 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.

UNSKILLED WORKERS
64/300

VOTED, To amend the policy for Unskilled Workers (p. 105-A) to add "and may be paid rent allowance" to the sentence beginning "They are entitled to . . ."; and to change "After five years" to "After two years" and delete "rent allowance" from the last sentence.

CREDENTIALS
POLICY
64/301

VOTED, 1. To rescind Action 63/376 on the method of issuing credentials and revert to the policy applicable at that time.

2. To add a paragraph to the section on Method of Issuing, pages 46,47, to read as follows: "Honorary credentials shall be granted by the Division to sustentation beneficiaries corresponding to the papers they held as credentialed workers while in active service."

REPORTS

R. E. Anderson reported for Middle East Press, Hilal Dose for the Egypt Section, and Maurice Katrib for the Syria Section.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn until Sunday, November 15.
Prayer: C. L. Torrey. 12:00 noon.

DEVOTIONAL

The day was opened with a devotional service. A prayer season led by William Gayed, Maurice Katrib, and V. A. Fenn followed the opening hymns. Dr. H. C. Lamp described rules under which the controversy with Satan is waged. A rule from the beginning of Lucifer's first whispers of rebellion to the present is "obey and live." The Lord expects no less now. Because of man's inability the rules also include the offer of divine grace. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and...be saved." The third rule involves a special problem. An all-knowing God discerns the need, an all-powerful God is able to meet the need, and an all-loving God wills to provide for the need. Why then do the needs remain? Why is the work so slow? Why does God leave the work in our hands? Doctor Lamp brought Biblical statements and quotations from the Spirit of Prophecy to show that souls go to ruin for lack of human efforts, and needs go unsatisfied for lack of prayer. There is a rule which explains this. God has placed Himself under the necessity of using human agents. In this way He guarantees the principle of choice. Were divine intervention to bar man from sin, Satan would cry, "foul." If we could be transported to heaven's storehouse, we would see treasures of all the power we need, rooms full of courage, etc. But the choice is ours. He appealed to all to sense the urgency of putting forth our own efforts and prayers, if men were to be saved. Dr. D.C. Ludington offered the closing prayer.

OPENING

The Council reconvened Sunday, November 15, at 9:15 a.m. Philip Saaty offered prayer.

HOME OWNER'S
MONTHLY ALLOWANCE
64/302

VOTED, To revise the Home Owner's Subsidy Policy on page 91 of the Division Working Policy to read "The allowance shall be granted on a monthly basis."

REPORTS

H. E. Robinson reported for the Jordan Section, J. Sherwood Jones for the Cyprus Section, and L. Curtis Miller for the Turkey Section.

RECESS

The Council recessed at 10:15 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

OPENING

John Hasso offered the opening prayer.

HEALTH CHECK-UP
FOR NEW EMPLOYEES
64/303

VOTED, That all organizations shall check the physical fitness of new workers by requiring the presentation of a health certificate or doctor's report at the time of employment. The employing organization shall designate a physician to conduct the examination according to forms to be supplied by the Medical Department and shall bear the expense.

JORDAN HEAD-
QUARTERS MOVE
64/304

VOTED, To refer back to the Jordan Section Committee for further study the request of the Jordan Section concerning the transfer of its headquarters to Jerusalem.

JORDAN MEDICAL
WORK
64/305

VOTED, To refer to the Division Medical Department the Jordan Section request for a study of possibilities for the opening of medical work in Jordan, noting the interest of the Jordan Section in establishing a physical therapy clinic in Amman and/or a medical clinic in Jerusalem.

BENHAZI SCHOOL
OF NURSING
64/306

VOTED, To appoint a survey committee to study the plans for a school of nursing in Benghazi as follows:

R. A. Wilcox	Cleo Johnson
Robert Darnell	H. C. Lamp
V. A. Fenn	D. C. Ludington
Mazie A. Herin	

MAZIE A. HERIN
VISIT
64/307

VOTED, To renew the request of the Middle East Division for Miss Mazie A. Herin of the General Conference Medical Department to visit Benghazi on her way to the United States early in February, 1965, especially in view of our need for counsel concerning plans to operate a school of nursing at Benghazi.

COMMITTEE STUDYING
HOSPITAL MANUAL
64/308

VOTED, To add the names of Robert Darnell and Dr. H. C. Lamp to the committee studying the proposed Hospital Manual and to refer the additional sections of the manual to this committee for further study.

G. C. VISIT:
MINISTERIAL
ASSOCIATION
64/309

VOTED, To request the General Conference to make available the services of a secretary from the Ministerial Association for two months in the latter half of 1967.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 5:30 p.m. Prayer: Edmond Haddad.

DEVOTIONAL
November 16

After a prayer season led by Gabriel Katrib, R. L. Fenn, and Mousa Azar, Hilal Dose reported experiences in soul winning at the Cairo Center. He told of the uniting in the truth of the family of Abdelmalik who had earlier persecuted him. He told of the faithfulness to the Sabbath of an engineer, Sadek Wahba; of the baptism of Mrs. Victoria, an invalid, but active in welfare work; of the conversion of Fahim Hanna, a prominent Coptic layman who is honored for his pioneering of the Sunday School system, youth camps, and lay evangelism projects among the Coptic churches; and of a family with unusual artistic and musical talents who were recently baptized.

George Ghazal offered the closing prayer.

The day was devoted to meetings of the subcommittees.

DEVOTIONAL

The devotional meeting was opened with hymns and a season of prayer led by Manoug Nazirian, Abadir Abdel-Messih, and Philip Srour. Elder Torrey spoke on the danger of neglecting one's own vineyard, referring to Song of Solomon 1:6. He recalled the words of Jesus to Peter that Satan desired to sift him, but "I have prayed for thee." Satan works for workers. Some of the brightest lights go out in darkness. Elder Torrey recounted the experiences of self-exaltation and bitterness against the leadership which darkened great lights in the past, showing how they neglected their own vineyards and the tragic results. He recounted also a personal experience by which he learned to trust the brethren and set aside personal ambition. He urged the workers to hold "steady" through the rough spots, holding out the promise that if we seek the Lord and will be converted every day our murmurings will be stilled and our perplexing problems will be solved.

OPENING

The Council reconvened at 10:00 a.m., November 17. George Yared offered prayer.

CHILD ALLOWANCE
64/310

VOTED, To grant a child allowance of LL 10.00 or its equivalent per child up to four children in a worker's family, effective January 1, 1965. Only unmarried children --boys 18 years old or less, and girls 21 years old or less --are eligible. A worker may be granted both child allowance and education allowance for his children if they are eligible.

THANKS
64/311

VOTED, To record the feelings of appreciation expressed by members of the Council for themselves and on behalf of their fellow workers for the provision of child allowance.

EVANGELISTIC
BUDGETS
64/312

VOTED, To set the Division share of the 1965 evangelistic budgets as follows:

Egypt	EEg	1,975.520	or	LL	13,749.62
Lebanon	LL			LL	10,740.00
Iran	Rials	117,000.00	or	LL	4,524.01
Iraq	ID	450.000	or	LL	3,654.00
Total Division Share					32,667.63

EVANGELISTIC
BUDGET DEADLINE
64/313

VOTED, That the Sections turn in their evangelistic budgets to the Division no later than September 1, so that there is time to study the budgets before the year-end meetings.

DAILY ALLOWANCE
FOR DIVISION
EVANGELIST
64/314

VOTED, That the local Sections handle the travel, daily allowance, and keep of the Division Evangelist while in their field and that the policy be applied which is as follows: When full board and room is provided 25 per cent daily allowance be allowed; when two meals are provided 50 per cent daily allowance be allowed.

SPECIAL YOUTH
CAMP
64/315

WHEREAS, The holding of special youth camps for non-Christian youth has previously been recommended,

WHEREAS, We recognize this as a valuable community service, and

WHEREAS, There is need to conduct a pilot project before undertaking such camps on a wide scale,

VOTED, To recommend to the Iran Section that they plan such a camp for the summer of 1965 under the guidance of the Division MV Department.

ITINERARIES
64/316

VOTED, To approve the following itineraries:

C. V. Brauer

Nov. 28-Dec. 6, 1964	Iran	Biennial Session & Workers' M.
January 22-24, 1965	Turkey	With V. W. Schoen
January 25-Feb. 3	Lebanon	" "
February 4-8	Syria	" "
February 9-14	Iraq	" "
February 15-21	Iran	" "
February 22-28	Jordan	" "
March 1-6	U. A. R.	" "
March 7-9	Libya	" "
March 21-May 16	Lebanon	Evangelistic Campaign
June 11-13	Syria	Department Promotion

D. L. Chappell

January 7-11, 1965	Turkey	Publishing and S. S. Promotion
February 5-8	Jordan	" " " "
March 5-8	Iraq	" " " "
March 26-29	Syria	" " " " Tartous
April 23-29	Lebanon	Student Colp. Tr. Institute
May 6-17	Iran	" " " " & SS Prom.
June 21-24	U. A. R.	" " " "
June 25-28	Libya	Pub. & SS Promotion with visit in Athens on return trip.

R. C. Darnell

Nov. 19-23, 1964	U. A. R.	Year-end Meetings
December 9, 10	Syria	" "
December 11-14	Turkey	" "
December 21-23	Jordan	" "
February 4, 1965	Libya	School of Nursing Study
March--before Mar. 21	Iran	Religious Research

V. A. Fenn

Nov. 19-23, 1964	U. A. R.	Year-end Meetings
November 25, 26	Iraq	" "
November 27-30	Iran	" "
December 9, 10	Syria	" "
December 11-14	Turkey	" "
December 21-23	Jordan	" "
February 4, 1965	Libya	School of Nursing Study

Itineraries (Continued)

A. A. Haddad

February 4-11, 1965	Jordan	Five-Day Plan
February 18-28	U. A. R.	Temperance Campaign
March 4-11	Lebanon	Five-Day Plan
March 13-15	(if possible) Cyprus	Temperance and MV
March 15-31	Turkey	Temperance
April 15-21	Libya	Temp. Lectures & Five-Day Plan
May 6-11	Iraq	MV and Temperance
May 13-20	Iran	Five-Day Plan
June 17-21	Syria	Temp. and Five-Day Plan

Chafic Srour

January, 1965	Kuwait	Evangelism
February-March	Basrah, Iraq	"
April-May	Baghdad	" "
June-July	Amman, Jordan	"
Aug. 1-Oct. 15	Lebanon	"
Oct. 15-Dec. 31	U. A. R.	"

R. A. Wilcox

November 19-23, 1964	U. A. R.	Year-end Meetings
November 25, 26	Iraq	" "
November 27-30	Iran	" "
December 9, 10	Syria	" "
December 11-14	Turkey	" "
December 21-23	Jordan	" "
January 1, 1965	Iran	With Elder Figuhr
February 4	Libya	School of Nursing Study

1965 CREDENTIALS
AND LICENSES
64/317

VOTED, To authorize the issuance of the following
credentials and licenses for 1965:

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

Ministerial Credentials

C. V. Brauer
D. L. Chappell
R. C. Darnell
Wadie Farag
V. A. Fenn
A. A. Haddad
Chafic Srour

Missionary Credentials

Izella Stuivenga
R. W. Wilmot

Ministerial License

H. C. Lamp

Missionary License

Mrs. C. V. Brauer
Mrs. D. L. Chappell
Mrs. R. C. Darnell
Mrs. V. A. Fenn
George Ghazal
Mary Ghazal
Mrs. H. C. Lamp
Nina Mandrecken
Aneesi Mashni
Jabbour Semaan
Mrs. R. A. Wilcox
Mrs. R. W. Wilmot

Credentials and Licenses, Cont.

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION, Cont.

Honorary Ministerial
Credentials

Basta Bishai
Shukri Nowfel
Salim Noujaim

Honorary Missionary
Credentials

A. E. Ashod
Hana Jubran Nasr

Honorary Bible
Instructor Credentials

Nanajan Badal

Honorary Ministerial License

Samuel Farag
Ohan Keshishzade

Honorary Missionary License

Mrs. Mary Al Khalil
Mrs. A. E. Ashod

BENGHAZI HOSPITAL

Ministerial Credentials

W. J. Clemons

Ministerial License

D. C. Ludington

Missionary Credentials

Rae Anna Brown
Rafic Issa
Mrs. Rafic Issa
Mounir Masloub
Mrs. Mounir Masloub
Russell Nolin
M. T. Oliverio
Ruth Tobiassen
Evangeline Voth
Dorothy Walter

Missionary License

Thelma Benson
Mrs. W. J. Clemons
Lucila Deles
Aaron Dennis
A. J. Habibi

Missionary License, Cont.

Mrs. Aaron Dennis
A. A. Ewert
Mrs. A. A. Ewert
Rebecca Gucilatar
Cleo Johnson
Mrs. Cleo Johnson
Mrs. D. C. Ludington
Alice Medina
Ellen Melki
Adel Mousa
Mrs. Adel Mousa
Mrs. Russell Nolin
Eliseo Oliverio
Mrs. Eliseo Oliverio
Mrs. M. T. Oliverio
Nenita Sumalnap
Jack Thompson
Mrs. Jack Thompson
Bishara Aziz Youssef
Mrs. Bishara Youssef

Employment Card

Nadie Wadie
Elizabeth Atamian

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

Ministerial Credentials

G. A. Keough
J. S. Russell
K. L. Vine

Missionary Credentials

Mrs. Raymond Bitar
Herbert Faimann
Jad Katrib

Missionary Credentials, Cont.

L. V. Morris
Lloyd Nolin
June Soper
Mrs. Said Tooma
E. W. Waring
Violet Wentland
Ignatius Yacoub
Mrs. Ignatius Yacoub

Credentials and Licenses, Cont.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE, Cont

Ministerial License

H. S. Johnson
Henry Melki
Samir Shahin

Missionary License

Hana Aboud
Munir Abou Deeb
Habib Bishara
Mrs. Habib Bishara
Mrs. Herbert Faimann
Ibrahim Hanna
Nicola Issa
Tanius Issa
Mrs. H. S. Johnson
Mrs. G. A. Keough

Missionary License, Cont.

Mrs. L. V. Morris
Hanna Matouk
Mrs. Lloyd Nolin
Mrs. J. S. Russell
Ahed Semaan
Mrs. K. L. Vine
Mrs. E. W. Waring

Employment Cards

Guirgis Salloum
George Mekdisi
Ibrahim Mekdisi
George Manoukian
Vartkes Azadian
Emile Zamer

MIDDLE EAST PRESS

Missionary Credentials

R.E. Anderson
Naim Awais
Boutros Ghazal

Missionary License

Elias Abdelnour
Mrs. R. E. Anderson
Raymord Bitar
Nadia El-Tahawi
Yervant Maksoudyan

Missionary License, Cont.

Samuel Nassimian
Kri^lor Yessayan

Employment Cards

Elias Asmar
Gaby Faiz
Antoine Gariguiss
Karim Issa
Raymond Kiraz

CYPRUS SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

J. S. Jones

Missionary Credentials

A. N. Barlas

Missionary License

Mrs. B. L. Gi'lleroth
Mrs. J. S. Jones

EGYPT SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

Abadir Abdel-Messih
Nassif Boutros
Hilal Dose
Samaan Fangary
Angely Gayed
William Gayed
Fikry Mikhail
Fakhry Nageeb
Nashed Yacoub

Missionary Credentials

Zaki Assad
Habib Ghali
Mrs. Habib Ghali
Shafik Ghali
Shehata Guindi
Fahim Iskander
Mrs. Erna Kruger
Hanna Malaka
Mrs. Hanna Malaka
Antar Yacoub

Credentials and Licenses, Cont.

IRAN SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

Aram Aghassian
Jack Bohannon
Melcom Gasparian
Kenneth Harding
K. S. Oster
Y. O. Sangerloo
H. K. Salekian

Missionary Credentials

J. S. Gabriel
Vigain Marcarian

Missionary Credentials, Cont

M. H. Morovati
Anoosh Keshishzade
I.C. Peacock
Hranoosh Avedissian

Missionary License

Mrs. Jack Bohannon
Mrs. Kenneth Harding
Mrs. K. S. Oster
Mrs. I. C. Peacock

IRAQ SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

Behnam Arshat
Najeeb Azar
Salim Majeed
Sa'id Tooma

Bible Instructor Credentials

Nawal Ashkar

Missionary Credentials

Emilia Feddo
Fawzia Khalil
Philip Saaty
Majeeda Shamoon
Shameram Yousif

JORDAN SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

Mousa Azar
R. L. Fenn
H. E. Robinson

Missionary Credentials

Michael Katrib
Mrs. Michael Katrib

Missionary License

Mrs. R. L. Fenn
Mrs. H. E. Robinson

LEBANON SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

Towfic Issa
George Khoury
Manoug Nazirian
George Raffoul

Missionary Credentials

Alfred Akar
George Esber
George Issa
Leif Jensen

Missionary Credentials, Cont

Mrs. Manoug Nazirian
Issa Kharma
Philip Srouer
George Yared

Bible Instructor Credentials

A. Ruby Williams

Missionary License

Mrs. Leif Jensen

SYRIA SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

Ziki Hannawy
Maurice Katrib

Missionary License

TURKEY SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

L. C. Miller

Bible Instructor Credentials

Yebraxie Gomig

Missionary License

Mrs. L. C. Miller

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
REPORT
64/318

VOTED, To accept the following report of the Nominating
Committee:

Section Officers

Cyprus	President Secretary-Treasurer	J. Sherwood Jones J. Sherwood Jones
Egypt	President Secretary-Treasurer	Hilal Dose Habib Ghali
Iran	President Secretary-Treasurer	Kenneth Harding Vigain Marcarian
Iraq	President Secretary-Treasurer	Behnam Arshat Behnam Arshat
Jordan	President Secretary-Treasurer	H. E. Robinson Zaki Saliba
Lebanon	President Secretary-Treasurer	George Khoury George Yared
Syria	President Secretary-Treasurer	Maurice Katrib Maurice Katrib
Turkey	President Secretary-Treasurer	L. Curtis Miller L. Curtis Miller

Voice of Prophecy School Directors

Cyprus	Nicolas Toannou
Iraq	Salim Majeed - effective July 1, 1965
Iran	Kenneth Harding
Jordan	Michael Katrib
Lebanon	Philip Srouf
Syria	Maurice Katrib

Associate Secretary Medical Department

Jabbour Semaan

Division Committee Elective Member

Manoug Nazirian

Board of Regents Elective Members

Adeeb Fargo	Term expires 1966
Angely Gayed	Term expires 1967

Vacancies Middle East College Board of Trustees

Robert Darnell
George Yared

Nominating Committee Report (Continued)

Vacancies Middle East Press Board of Trustees

George Khoury
Jabbour Semaan

Vacancy Benghazi Adventist Hospital Board of Trustees

Robert Darnell

JORDAN SECTION CALL
FOR NAIM MASHNI
64/319

VOTED, To refer the Jordan Section call for Naim Mashni to pastor the Amman Church to the Jordan Section Committee for reconsideration.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE
CALL BALDUR PFEIFFER
64/320

VOTED, To place Baldur Pfeiffer, a graduate of Middle East College and Andrews University, now studying at Gutenberg University, under deferred appointment for Middle East College.

SPECIAL PUBLISHING
STUDY
64/321

VOTED, To appoint a committee of the Division officers, Publishing Department secretary, Publishing House manager, and Section presidents to study means of promoting a regular publishing work in the fields.

(Recommendation of the special committee, adopted Nov. 17, 1964:

"We recommend to the Sections that they study at their Biennial Sessions the making of provision for obtaining leaders to promote the sale of our books and periodicals within their fields.")

TRANSLATION
OF INDEXES
64/322

VOTED, To authorize the translation of the following indexes of Spirit of Prophecy books:

Messages to Young People
Great Controversy
Education
Acts of the Apostles
Prophets and Kings

PRESS EDITOR
64/323

VOTED, To approve the nomination by the Middle East Press Board of Trustees of Jabbour Semaan to be editor in chief of the Publishing House.

PLANNING COMMITTEE
TREASURERS' MEETING
64/324

VOTED, To appoint the following a committee on plans for the forthcoming treasurers' meeting:

V. A. Fenn
Boutros Ghazal
George Ghazal
Henry Melki
R. W. Wilmot
George Yared

BUDGET REPORT
FOR 1965
64/325

VOTED, To adopt the report of the Budget Committee as follows:

<u>Base Appropriation</u>		<u>Local</u> <u>Currency</u>	<u>Lebanese</u> <u>Currency</u>
Division			261,251.40
Adventist Hospital	Li£	3,378.370	27,432.36
Middle East College			128,187.42
Middle East Press			59,662.96
Radio Studio			9,769.44
Aden Station (Hold in L£)			10,000.00
Cyprus Section	Cy£	1,610.493	13,077.20
Egypt Section	EE£	39,272.087	273,333.72
Iran Section	Rials	3,467,990.43	134,096.00
Iraq Section	ID	8,503.132	69,045.43
Jordan Section	JD	6,910.493	56,113.20
Lebanon Section			127,017.70
Sudan Station (Hold in L£)			10,516.10
Syria Section	Sy£	32,226.70	28,037.23
Turkey Section	Tq£	53,313.48	<u>17,177.60</u>
			L£ 1,224,717.76
			US 422,316.47

This represents a 6.7% increase over the 1964 base appropriation of L£ 1,148,146.83.

Voice of Prophecy Funds

Received from the General Conference			65,250.00
Received from Middle East Division			<u>34,750.00</u>
			100,000.00
Cyprus School	Cy£	246.305	2,000.00
Iran School	Rials	186,206.40	7,200.00
Iraq School	ID	1,970.443	16,000.00
Jordan School	JD	3,220.443	26,150.00
Lebanon School			36,150.00
Syria School	Sy£	12,068.96	10,500.00
Turkey School	Tq£	6,207.32	<u>2,000.00</u>
			100,000.00

Special Funds Available

General Conference	
Specials - General	LE 435,000.00
Church Extension	58,000.00
Division	
Emergency Fund	13,187.59
Exchange	85,000.00
Ingathering Reversion	7,500.00
Contingency Fund	5,000.00
Division Funds Undistributed	<u>129,290.74</u>
Total Funds Available	732,978.33
Less: Specials for Church Extension	<u>58,000.00</u>
NET - FOR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION	LE 674,978.33

Special Funds Distribution

	<u>Lebanese Currency</u>
Middle East Division	
Equipment	10,000.00
Church Property Registrations	29,000.00
Church Development	101,707.47
Medical Development	101,707.47
Division Funds Undistributed	<u>1,059.59</u>
Total - Division	243,474.53
Middle East College	
Laundry Equipment	4,000.00
Miscellaneous Equipment	3,000.00
Library and Science Additions	90,000.00
Music Studio	25,000.00
Record Vault	2,500.00
Garage and Storage	<u>4,500.00</u>
Total - Middle East College	129,000.00
Middle East Press	
Heidelberg Press	15,000.00
Composing Galleys and Cabinets	2,000.00
Addressing Equipment	5,000.00
Office Equipment	<u>500.00</u>
Total - Middle East Press	22,500.00

Special Funds Distribution (Continued)

		<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>Lebanese Currency</u>
Egypt Section			
Mercy Home Equipment	EEg	2,000.000	13,920.00
Long Carriage Arabic Typewr.	"	150.000	1,044.00
Badari Church Land	"	1,000.000	6,960.00
Cemetery Land	"	600.000	4,176.00
Cairo Center Relocation	"	<u>10,892.333</u>	<u>75,806.00</u>
Total - Egypt Section		14,642.333	101,906.00
Iran Section			
Medical Work	Rials	150,000.00	5,800.01
Telephone Elem. Sch.	"	40,000.00	1,546.67
Equipment Elem. Sch.	"	120,000.00	4,640.00
Equipment Adventist Acad.	"	152,500.00	5,896.68
Puffer Building	"	166,666.00	6,444.44
Adm. Bldg. Roof Repair	"	<u>42,000.00</u>	<u>1,624.00</u>
Total - Iran Section		671,166.00	25,951.80
Iraq Section			
Basrah Church Completion	ID	5,357.145	43,500.00
Academy Science Equip.	"	<u>250.000</u>	<u>2,030.00</u>
Total - Iraq Section		5,607.145	45,530.00
Jordan Section			
Equip. Girls' Sch. Aud.	JD	500.000	4,060.00
Jerusalem Clinic	"	1,000.000	8,120.00
Jerusalem Center Develop.	"	850.000	6,902.00
El Husn School Roof	"	<u>125.000</u>	<u>1,015.00</u>
Total - Jordan Section		2,475.000	20,097.00
Lebanon Section			
Physiotherapy Equipment			1,350.00
Mission Equipment			2,500.00
Museitbeh School Shelter			1,600.00
Bishmezzine Property & Fence			11,000.00
Beirut Armenian Ch. Completion			50,000.00
Leb. Youth Camp Development			<u>10,000.00</u>
Total - Lebanon Section			76,450.00
Syria Section			
Misc. Equipment	SyE	1,500.00	1,305.00
Cemetery Bazzack Church	"	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>1,740.00</u>
Total - Syria Section		3,500.00	3,045.00

Special Funds Distribution (Continued)

		<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>Lebanese Currency</u>
Turkey Section			
Temperance Film	Tq£	1,800.00	580.00
Painting Mission Property	"	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>6,444.00</u>
Total - Turkey Section		21,800.00	7,024.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS			674,978.33
Church Extension - 1965			
Benghazi Church	Li£	7,142.857	<u>58,000.00</u>
TOTAL ALL SPECIALS			732,978.33

Fixed Rates of Exchange

<u>Country</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Fixed Rate in Local Currency</u>	<u>1965 Fixed Rate</u>
Cyprus	Pound		\$ 2.80
Egypt	Egyptian £		2.40
Iran	Rial	75.00	.0133333
Iraq	Dinar		2.80
Jordan	Dinar		2.80
Lebanon	Lebanese £	2.90	.344827
Libya	Pound		2.80
Sudan	Sudanese £		2.80
Syria	Syrian £	3.3333	.30
Turkey	Turkish Lira	9.00	.11111

RAISE IN
SALARY BASE
64/326

VOTED, To raise the 100% salary base as follows:

Cyprus	2 %	Jordan	2 %
Egypt	4 %	Lebanon	2 %
Iran	2 %	Syria	2 %
Iraq	2 %	Turkey	2 %

SONG OF PRAISE

The members of the Council joined in singing "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow" as an expression of gratitude for the provisions which had been possible for expanding and strengthening the work.

APPRECIATION

The chairman expressed special appreciation to the General Conference for its interest in the Middle East and generous support.

RECESS

The Council recessed at 11:35 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

SPIRITUAL
FELLOWSHIP

At 8:00 p.m. the full Council gathered for a spiritual fellowship and service of dedication. Meeting by candle-light because of a power failure, the members of the Council sang a couple of familiar hymns and knelt together as Behnam Arshat led the prayer. Elder V. A. Fenn presented a study applying a lesson from the experience at Babel for workers today. The world today is building a new tower. One day soon God will say, "Let us go down." This time it will be not to confuse but to end confusion. He spoke words of encouragement to those who sow seed. Soon the reapers will take over.

The resolution of gratitude and dedication was read as representative of the Council's response.

RESOLUTION OF
GRATITUDE AND
DEDICATION
64/327

RESOLVED: We give thanks to God for the blessings with which He has filled the past year.

We thank Him for the souls brought to the church from both high and humble station, from among the youth and the aged, and for bringing together members of families once divided by prejudice and hatred.

We thank Him for the singular providences which have protected our workers and our people and which have opened opportunities for the advance of the work, removing prejudices, granting Sabbath privileges, and providing recognition and status.

We thank Him for prospering our people and inspiring their loyal dedication of offerings to the service of the church, making possible new advances and a stronger work.

But we reserve our greatest praise and gratitude for the gift of Jesus, our salvation and our hope. We thank Him for His abiding presence with us, giving us victory over sin and leading us by His love to greater efforts to work His works in the countries of our Division.

We are constrained to give ourselves wholly to this work. We dedicate ourselves to be used according to God's choosing in tasks large and small, faithfully to do our duty, loving truth and righteousness, and casting aside self and every cherished sin. We seek that our hearts may be brought wholly into a right relationship with God, enabling us to be filled with divine power to meet the demands of this era of urgency. We here consecrate ourselves to serving God with a whole heart, determined by His grace to take the message of the three angels to every corner of our fields.

We pray that our dedication may sound as the note of a certain trumpet calling our people to arise, put on the whole armour of God, and move forward. May our lives be

lights to guide the church in a program of all-out soul winning, inspiring every Section and all departments of the church to an ingathering of souls unmatched in the history of the Division.

We are conscious of our weakness in the face of the demands of our goals. We sense the need of "a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times." We believe the secret of spiritual power is prayer. We dedicate ourselves to an experience of earnest prayer, and we call our churches and membership throughout the Division to much prayer, believing that our perplexities will vanish before the light of God and that we will see ways through the obstacles, and receive power to accomplish our task.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS
64/328

VOTED, To refer any unfinished business to the Executive Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn sine die. 9:00 p.m.

CLOSING

By special request, the meeting of spiritual fellowship and the Council was closed with prayer by Elder Wilcox, in which he mentioned the various leaders, institutions, organizations and departments of work, interceding for their success.

R. A. Wilcox, Chairman

Robert Darnell, Secretary