

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION ANNUAL COMMITTEE MEETINGBeirut, LebanonNovember 3, 19657:30 A. M.PRESENT

R. A. Wilcox, Robert Darnell, R. E. Anderson, Behnam Arshat, C. V. Brauer, D. L. Chappell, Hilal Dose, V. A. Fern, A. A. Haddad, Kenneth Harding, J. Sherwood Jones, Maurice Katrib, George Khoury, H. C. Lamp, M.D., D. Clifford Ludington, M.D., L. Curtis Miller, Manoug Nazirian, H. E. Robinson, K. L. Vine;

From the General Conference: R. R. Figuhr, W. R. Beach;

By Invitation: Cleo Johnson, Jabbour Semaan, R. W. Wilmot.

DEVOTIONAL

R. A. Wilcox led the devotional service, drawing a challenge for the annual meeting from the life of Job. Job is described as God's servant, he said (Job 2:3), pointing out what a privilege we have today of being known in heaven as servants of God. Although written in Old Testament language, the book of Job is for New Testament readers, since it has a message applicable to these times. The life of Enoch illustrated the life that leads to translation; the life of Moses to resurrection. But the life of Job shows us how to live in the time of trouble. Job was a great man, one of immense influence in the East. He was known for his loyalty to God, a loyalty that was tested by adversity. He encountered the wrath of Satan, saw his family divided, and lost all his material possessions. But he did not sin with his lips. He continued steadfast in his trust. God has placed us today in places of influence. We can also expect to be the object of Satan's attacks. But by the grace of Christ, we also will maintain our spiritual integrity.

PROGRAM  
65/254

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

SUBCOMMITTEES  
65/255

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 various subcommittees. The preparation of a Resolution of Gratitude was assigned to a committee of three: Robert Darnell, Behnam Arshat, and H. C. Lamp, M.D.; the nomination of General Conference session delegates was assigned to a committee consisting of the Division and General Conference officers present; and the items concerning the Church Calendar were assigned to a small committee: C. V. Brauer, D. L. Chappell, and A. A. Haddad.

PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT  
65/256

R. A. Wilcox presented a report of the projects completed during 1965, noting the 119 who had been added to the church thus far in the year. He spoke of plans and of our confidence in God. Elders Figuhr and Beach commented on the strong education and evangelism programs and expressed appreciation for the note of courage. It was

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

TREASURER'S  
REPORT  
65/257

V. A. Fenn reported the Division's first treasurers' council held during 1965 among other items of progress. Tithe increase at the close of the second quarter, 1965, showed a gain of LL 132,052.00 over the same period in 1964. He read the auditor's statement by Elder Werber Johnson of the General Conference auditing staff. It was

VOTED, To accept the treasurer's report and auditor's statement.

SECRETARY'S  
REPORT  
65/258

Robert Darnell reported progress toward the various objectives of the church pointing out the challenge of the Middle East field to the individual church member in persons to be reached and area to be covered. It was

VOTED, To accept the secretary's report.

RECESS

After a recess of fifteen minutes, the committee convened at 10:30 a.m. and Dr. Ludington offered prayer.

SECTION YEAR-END  
COMMITTEE DATES  
65/259

VOTED, To approve the following dates for the Section year-end committee meetings:

Cyprus	December 28, 29
Egypt	November 14, 15
Iran	December 8-10
Iraq	December 1-3
Jordan	December 15-17
Lebanon	November 24-26
Syria	December 12-14
Turkey	December 19-21

DIVISION QUAD-  
RENNIAL MEETING  
65/260

VOTED, To conduct the next quadrennial session of the Middle East Division at Beirut, beginning November 7, 1966, and to request General Conference help for the period November 7 to December 5.

CHURCH  
MEMBERSHIP  
GOALS  
65/261

VOTED, To set the church membership goal for the Division at 3,000 members by the end of 1966, to be divided as follows:

Cyprus	30	Lebanon	675
Egypt	1,150	Libya	50
Iran	375	Syria	225
Iraq	225	Turkey	80
Jordan	225		

1966 BRANCH  
SABBATH AND  
BIBLE SCHOOL  
GOALS  
65/262

VOTED, To reaffirm the Sabbath School Department goal of one Branch Sabbath School or Branch Bible School for each senior class and each junior division in the Sabbath School and to press toward the quadrennium goal of 250 new branch schools by setting the 1966 goal for new branch schools at 66, to be divided among the Sections as follows:

Cyprus	2	Lebanon	9
Egypt	25	Libya	2
Iran	7	Syria	5
Iraq	10	Turkey	2
Jordan	4		

"120" CRUSADE  
1966 OBJECTIVES  
65/263

VOTED, To list the following objectives for the "120" Crusade in 1966:

1. A laymen's training class to be held in every church.
2. Each church to be organized for soulwinning endeavor early in the year and every member given a work assignment.
3. Membership goals in the "120" at 10 per cent of the membership for the Division to be divided as follows:

Cyprus	7	Lebanon	54
Egypt	75	Libya	7
Iran	40	Syria	15
Iraq	10	Turkey	10
Jordan	15	Division	7

(Total 240)

INVESTMENT  
OFFERING GOALS  
65/264

VOTED, To set the 1966 Investment offering goal for the Division at \$2,400.00, to be divided as follows:

Cyprus	\$ 50.00	Lebanon	\$1000.00
Egypt	200.00	Libya	350.00
Iran	200.00	Syria	100.00
Iraq	200.00	Turkey	200.00
Jordan	100.00		

BIRTHDAY-THANK  
OFFERING GOALS  
65/265

VOTED, 1. To give strong promotion to the Birthday-Thank offering on the Division, Section, and local church levels;

2. To recommend that the pastor or some other capable person give brief talks in Sabbath School concerning the purpose, importance, and blessing of the Birthday-Thank offering plan;

3. To recommend that local Sabbath Schools collect the Birthday-Thank offering monthly, suggesting the last Sabbath of each month; and

4. To set the 1966 Birthday-Thank offering goal at \$1,700.00 for the Division to be divided as follows:

Cyprus	\$ 25.00	Lebanon	\$450.00
Egypt	200.00	Libya	175.00
Iran	400.00	Syria	100.00
Iraq	200.00	Turkey	50.00
Jordan	100.00		

INGATHERING GOALS  
1967 CAMPAIGN  
65/266

VOTED, To set the Division goal for the 1967 Ingathering campaign at LL 30,000 to be divided as follows:

Cyprus	CyB	125.000
Egypt	Eg	500.000
Iran	Irals	150,000.00
Iraq	ID	800.000
Jordan	JD	150.000
Lebanon	LB	12,000.00
Syria	SyB	750.00
Turkey	TqB	1,500.00

MILLION DOLLAR  
OFFERING GOAL  
65/267

VOTED, To set the Million Dollar Offering goal for the Middle East Division at \$3,500, suggesting the following goals for the Sections as based on tithe receipts:

Cyprus	\$ 15.00	Lebanon	340.00
Egypt	187.00	Libya	430.00
Iran	1,435.00	Syria	37.00
Iraq	440.00	Turkey	77.00
Jordan	100.00	Division	355.00

FIVE-DAY PLAN  
MATERIALS  
SUGGESTED  
65/268

VOTED, To suggest to the General Conference Temperance Department the preparation of additional films to be used for meetings and follow-up of the Five-Day Plan, with emphasis on the positive social values of not smoking and further, to suggest that the Division Temperance and Medical Departments develop further the idea, "The One Who Won," and pass it on to the General Conference.

RECESS

The committee recessed from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Before the recess W. R. Beach led in prayer, and the committee reopened with prayer by Jabbour Semaan.

DEPARTMENTAL  
REPORTS

Elders Brauer, Chappell, and Haddad reported for the Education, Radio-TV, Home Missionary, Publishing, Sabbath School, Temperance, and Missionary Volunteer Departments.

RECESS

After a short recess, the committee reconvened at 4:00 p.m. and V. A. Fenn offered prayer.

ARABIC MV  
PROGRAM KIT  
65/269

VOTED, To authorize the Division Missionary Volunteer Department to publish and distribute quarterly a small mimeographed magazine in Arabic similar to the English MV Program Kit, suggesting an edition of about 200 and with the understanding that it will be financed within the departmental budget.

ARABIC TEMPERANCE  
TRACTS  
65/270

VOTED, To recommend to the Middle East Press the publishing of three tracts on the subject of tobacco, to be prepared by the Temperance Department. These are especially needed to complete a series of five for use on the five nights of the Five-Day Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The committee adjourned for the day at 5:45 p.m. Prayer: R. R. Figuhr.

DEVOTIONAL

The meeting was opened by a hymn and with prayer by Miss Ruby Williams and George Khoury. R. R. Figuhr drew devotional lessons from the healing experience at the pool of Bethesda, John 5:1-9. Jesus picked the most difficult case and demonstrated God's ability to restore. He led the man to put his request into words, and then asked him to do what time and experience proved impossible. Experience is a good teacher, but then we need to take the advanced course, Faith. When commanded to walk, he went to the temple. Something had been done for him inwardly and it showed outwardly. What God does for SDA's shows in many ways: digestion, heart, lungs, and teeth, as well as spiritual. Sometimes affliction prepares a persons for what the Lord wants to do for Him. It was so with this man. The handiwork of God has been marred by sin. Man came from the Creator wonderful. We are called to the work of reform. We should be reformers, however, not bigots. A bigot never questions his own opinions, only the opinions of others. The law of God is the foundation of all true reform. We follow the Lord down the middle of the road. The service was concluded with prayer by V. A. Fenn.

RECESS

The committee continued in recess from 8:15 a.m. to 10:30 while some members paid a call on the President of the Lebanese Republic at his home in Aley. After reconvening, the committee was led in prayer by H. E. Robinson.

DEPARTMENTAL  
REPORT

Dr. H. C. Lamp reported the work of the Medical Department during 1965.

BAGHDAD MEDICAL  
WORK  
65/271

WHEREAS, The former denominational medical work in Baghdad proved this city to be an important center of influence among the Arab peoples,

WHEREAS, The operation of private medical facilities are now provided for in the legal structure of the Republic of Iraq,

WHEREAS, The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Iraq has the possibilities of securing the services of a growing number of Iraqis who are interested in various phases of medical work and who have or are securing training to fill key roles, and

WHEREAS, Funds from the former hospital have been kept in trust with a view toward reopening medical work, it was therefore

VOTED, To favor the reopening of medical work in Baghdad and further, to appoint the following committee to consider the proposition in detail and to suggest a possible phase by phase approach:

R. A. Wilcox  
Behnam Arshat  
Robert Darnell  
V. A. Fenn  
H. C. Lamp, M.D.

SANITARIUM  
IN LEBANON  
65/272

WHEREAS, Lebanon is a recognized medical and resort center to which large numbers of well-to-do and influential men come each year for medical care, pleasure, relaxation, and retreat--men from countries where we are little known as a church, and

WHEREAS, The sanitarium type of medical care recommended by the Spirit of Prophecy is as yet unprovided in the medical facilities of Lebanon, allowing for a non-competitive operation in cooperation with existing facilities, and

WHEREAS. A work of this kind in Lebanon could provide a training base for the preparation of health-education workers, it was therefore

VOTED, To favor the establishment of sanitarium work in Lebanon and to appoint the following committee to study the possibilities:

R. A. Wilcox	George Khoury
Robert Darnell	H. C. Lamp, M.D.
V. A. Fenn	Jabbour Semaan

CALL FOR SHORT  
TERM EVANGELISTS  
65/273

VOTED, To place with the General Conference a request for evangelists to conduct series of public evangelistic meetings in Cairo, Beirut, Baghdad, and Tehran for three-month periods during 1966 and 1967, suggesting someone from the General Conference Ministerial Association during the last part of 1966 to coincide with a Division-wide Ministerial Association institute.

E. J. FOLKENBERG  
REQUESTED VISIT  
65/274

VOTED, To place with the General Conference an invitation for E. J. Folkenberg to visit the Division during February and March, 1966, to conduct Five-Day Plans, meet temperance appointments, and provide counsel for the development of a health-and-temperance evangelism approach to the work of this Division.

WELFARE SPECIALIST  
REQUESTED VISIT  
FOR 1968  
65/275

VOTED, To place with the General Conference a request for a visit by a welfare work specialist from the General Conference Home Missionary Department in April and May of 1968 for a period of six weeks.

SABBATH SCHOOL  
DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE VISIT  
REQUESTED FOR 1968  
65/276

VOTED, To place with the General Conference a request for a visit by a representative of the General Conference Sabbath School Department in January and February of 1968 for a period of six weeks.

CAMPING  
ANNIVERSARY  
65/277

VOTED, To use the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of Missionary Volunteer camping in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1966, to report to the church the blessings attendant to the church camping program and to conduct "our biggest and best summer training camps throughout the Division.

HEALTH COURSE  
REVISION  
65/278

WHEREAS, The present health course can be improved in effectiveness for use in the Middle East by greater attention to the specific medical problems and cultural needs of the area, it was

VOTED, To authorize the Medical Department in counsel with the Radio Department to rewrite the Health Correspondence Course. It is suggested that this consist of a basic course of approximately 15 lessons and an advanced course of ten lessons, the latter to serve as a transition to a religious course by means of a presentation of the mental, emotional, and spiritual aspects of health and disease.

HEALTH INTEREST  
SURVEY  
65/279

VOTED, To authorize the Medical Department to make a survey of the health interests of secondary school students in the various parts of the Division, in order to more intelligently plan the content of our health-education program.

BETHLEHEM  
TOURIST PROJECT  
65/280

VOTED, To favor the establishment of a tourist attraction in Bethlehem for public relations work, literature sales, and personal evangelism, and to appoint the following committee to study the opportunities:

Robert Darnell  
D. L. Chappell  
H. E. Robinson  
Zaki Saliba

RECESS

After prayer by Elder Beach, the committee took the regular noon recess. It reconvened at 2:30 and Elder Miller offered the opening prayer.

INSTITUTIONAL  
REPORTS

Dr. K. L. Vine, Dr. D. C. Ludington, and R. E. Anderson reported for Middle East College, Benghazi Adventist Hospital, and the Middle East Press, respectively.

RECESS

A fifteen-minute recess was taken at 3:30, after which Cleo Johnson offered prayer.

1966 BOOK OF THE  
YEAR PROMOTION  
65/281

VOTED, To accept the plan for promotion of the 1966 Book of the Year (Messages to Young People, see 65/142, 143 p. 1249) as recommended by the promotion committee with the addition of six points as recommended by the MV Department

From the promotion committee: Recommended, That

1. February 5, 1966, be designated in the Church Calendar as the Book of the Year Promotion Day.
2. The volume be introduced and promoted during the church service on February 5th. The MV Department will provide suggestive sermon material for this service. The Middle East Press will provide promotional brochures and posters.

3. The volume be promoted again during the ten minute missionary period on February 19th, the beginning of the Christian Home Week, and then periodically throughout the year. The Department of Laymen's Activities will provide the material for the missionary periods.
4. Every Adventist family purchase a copy for personal use.
5. Church members be urged to purchase gift copies for their friends.
6. Pastors and evangelists use the volume as premium gifts in their meetings.
7. All churches, schools, institutions, and local Sections add the volume to their libraries, and that they use the volume for their daily devotional periods, where appropriate.
8. Leaders in churches, schools, and institutions quote from the volume in public.
9. The volume be included in the 1966 MV Arabic Book Club.
10. MV societies purchase the volume in quantity to use in their literature distribution projects.
11. The Book and Periodical Houses arrange to have the volume available for purchase at youth rallies, junior camps, camp meetings, and church book sales.
12. The volume be included in the set of books to be presented by the Sections to the libraries in non-Adventist secondary schools, colleges, and universities.
13. The Section goals for distributing the volume be as follows:

Egypt	500
Iraq	500
Jordan	200
Lebanon	550
Libya	50
Syria	<u>200</u>
Total	2,000

From the Missionary Volunteer Department: Recommended,  
That

1. Missionary Volunteer Department secretaries throughout the Division make special plans and take it upon their own personal responsibility to give the Arabic edition of Messages to Young People unprecedented promotion.
2. Our workers be strongly urged to acquire their own personal copy of the book, thus setting a good example to the rest of our membership.
3. Our school principals and teachers, as well as our church pastors and administrators, be urged to use Messages to Young People by quoting from it in public and by giving it out as gifts.

4. Every Missionary Volunteer who reads Arabic be strongly encouraged and, when necessary, helped to own his own personal copy of the book.
5. Messages to Young People in Arabic be purchased in quantities by the MV societies and given to selected young people not of our faith as a missionary project.
6. All parents be urged to buy copies of this book and carefully study it in order to understand the principles upon which their own children, our precious youth, are to build their character.

1967 BOOK OF  
THE YEAR  
65/282

VOTED, To designate The Ministry of Healing as the Arabic Spirit of Prophecy and Missionary Book of the Year for 1967 to sell to the church member at LL 3.00, the balance of the cost to be charged as follows: 75 per cent to the Middle East Division and 25 per cent to the local Section concerned.

THE BIBLE IN THE  
LIFE OF THE CHURCH  
65/283

WHEREAS, The turbulence, violence, and wickedness of these times indicate clearly that the crowning deceptions of the last days are upon us, and

WHEREAS, Our spiritual experience, as well as all our corporate and public witness for the truth through preaching and all other available media, can be effective in soul winning only in the measure that we are surrendered wholly to Christ and devoted to His Word, and

WHEREAS, The Lord's servant has said: "Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures and who have received the love of the truth will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive. By the Bible testimony these will detect the deceiver in his disguise. To all the testing time will come. By the sifting of temptation the genuine Christian will be revealed. Are the people of God so firmly established upon His word that they would not yield to the evidence of their senses? Would they, in such a crisis, cling to the Bible and the Bible only?" -- The Great Controversy, p. 625, it was

VOTED, 1. That from this 1965 annual meeting an earnest call go forth to our people throughout the Division to devote more time to daily reading and study of God's Holy Word and to seek humbly before God, not only to gain a better understanding of His truth therein revealed, but to build our lives upon its blessed precepts.

2. That whether in writing, preaching, or personal soul-winning endeavor, we make the Holy Scriptures central in all our presentations revealing to all men our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, as Redeemer, Mediator, and coming King, and

3. That our ministers and local elders in all our churches be urged to cover regularly our major Bible doctrines in their sermons so that the church may become established in

the holy faith, and thereby be enabled to stand for God and His truth now and in the evil day.

4. That throughout our ranks we identify ourselves, both old and young, as a Bible-loving people by bringing our Bibles to church and public services.

THE SPIRIT OF  
PROPHECY IN THE  
LIFE OF THE  
CHURCH  

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65/284

WHEREAS, The messenger of the Lord, near the close of her life, penned these words of admonition to the Advent people: "I am instructed to say to our churches, 'Study the Testimonies. They are written for our admonition and encouragement upon whom the ends of the world are come. If God's people will not study these messages that are sent to them from time to time, they are guilty of rejecting light. Line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little, God is sending instruction to His people. Heed the instruction; follow the light. The Lord has a controversy with His people because in the past they have not heeded His instruction and followed His guidance.'"-- Ellen G. White Letter 292, 1907

And also declared: "Many are going directly contrary to the light which God has given to His people, because they do not read the books which contain the light and knowledge in cautions, reproofs, and warning." -- Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 4, p. 391, it was

VOTED, 1. That there go from this annual meeting to our people throughout the Division a call to renewed and most earnest study of the messages of warning, counsel, encouragement, and especially the prophetic fulfillments pertinent to the "last acts of the Drama" in The Great Controversy, and instruction that the Lord has given to His people in the Spirit of Prophecy writings, and

2. At this mid-point in the 1965-1966 period of Spirit of Prophecy Emphasis, we deem it appropriate to urge those who have not yet done so to avail themselves of the opportunity to secure the E. G. White books at the present generous discounts.

3. That we encourage Section committees to give further study to means by which all their church members may have the Spirit of Prophecy writings in their homes.

ADJOURNMENT

The committee adjourned for the day at 5:45 p.m. after prayer by Elder Figuhr:

DEVOTIONAL

After the hymn, "O for That Flame of Living Fire," and a season of prayer led by C. V. Brauer, Maurice Katrib, and E. W. Waring, Elder Beach presented thoughts on "Positive Living." The Christian life, he said, is not the absence of transgression but the presence of righteousness. This lesson is taught in the parable of Matthew 12:43. Positive qualities illustrate this: that virtue is not the absence of blemish but the presence of quality and distinction, and peace is not the absence of war but the atmosphere of co-operation. The empty life will not remain empty but sin will come in. Thus the way of perfection for the Christian is not the elimination of one sin after another, a way which is based on a concept of righteousness by works, but a copying of the Pattern by which one adds qualities to his life. We may not equal the Pattern (see Testimonies, Vol. 2, p. 549) but we must each one according to the ability God has given us copy the Pattern. Light dispels darkness; heat melts ice. These principles apply also to the work. We cannot succeed **trying to stay out of trouble**. We cannot be successful evangelists if we are absorbed in fighting error. Our only successful approach is to walk in the Spirit. Dr. D. C. Ludington led the closing prayer.

RECESS

A short recess was taken after the devotional meeting to allow smaller committees to meet. The committee as a whole reconvened at 9:30 a.m. and Elder Jones led in prayer.

PROTESTANT COUNCIL  
REPRESENTATIVES  
65/285

VOTED, To appoint Elders A. A. Haddad and Maurice Katrib representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on the Supreme Council of the Protestant Churches in Lebanon and Syria, and to designate Elder Haddad as our representative on its executive committee.

VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL TEACHER'S  
GUIDES, SERIES C  
65/286

VOTED, To authorize the Division Sabbath School Department to prepare 100 copies of Series C, Kindergarten Teacher's Guide and 100 copies of Series C, Junior Teacher's Guide in Arabic, mimeographed and bound in time for use in the 1967 Vacation Bible School program, to be distributed at the expense of the department, it being understood that the stock, by our saving the books and reusing each series every third year, will be adequate for a number of years. The department is further authorized to provide English copies of these books to English-speaking teachers in Sections where Arabic is not used.

REVISED SCHEDULE  
OF FIVE-DAY PLANS  
65/287

VOTED, To approve the revised schedule of Five-Day Plans as follows: (see 65/148, p. 1250)

Cairo	January 9-13
Basra or Kuwait	January 23-27
Baghdad	Jan. 30 to Feb. 3
Nicosia	February 20-24
Benghazi	March 20-25

(Due to circumstances the plan earlier approved for Istanbul is to be postponed.)

INGATHERING  
FOLDER COMMITTEE  
65/288

VOTED, To appoint the following committee to prepare the Ingathering folder for the 1967 campaign and report to the mid-year meeting

C. V. Brauer	George Khoury
R. E. Anderson	A. A. Haddad
Robert Darnell	H. C. Lamp, M.D.
V. A. Fenn	

WELFARE REQUEST  
65/289

VOTED, To request 2,000 CARE units for the Turkey Section from the General Conference Welfare Service.

HEALTH EVANGELISM  
COUNCIL  
65/290

WHEREAS, Health evangelism has been adopted as a basic part of the approach to the peoples of the Middle East, being developed through the use of health correspondence courses, a health magazine, the Five-Day Plan to stop smoking, temperance films, lectures and literature, public and church health education programs, and special youth camps,

WHEREAS, Study is required in order to 1) integrate these activities with the total objectives of the denomination at the same time maintaining their separation from religious evangelism, 2) devise proper follow-up programs, 3) analyze content and materials for pertinence to the interests and needs of the people, 4) provide adequate materials, 5) arrange for workers and their training in necessary skills, and 6) discover methods of broadening and strengthening the methods of work, and

WHEREAS, The success of the programs so far undertaken encourages such a study, it was

VOTED, To plan a council on health evangelism in connection with the quadrennial meetings of the Middle East Division, late in 1966, when a large and representative group of workers will be gathered for counsel.

RECESS

After prayer by A. A. Haddad, the committee recessed for a few minutes and reopened at 10:30 a.m. with prayer by R. W. Wilmot.

CORRESPONDENCE  
SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
65/291

VOTED, To appoint the following directors of the Section correspondence schools for 1966 in harmony with the recommendation of the Radio Department:

Cyprus	J. Sherwood Jones
Iran	J. S. Gabriel
Iraq	Salim Majeed
Jordan	Michael Katrib
Lebanon	Philip Srour
Syria	Maurice Katrib
Turkey	L. Curtis Miller

M. H. MOROVATI  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
65/292

VOTED, To re-elect M. H. Morovati, whose term on the Board of Regents expires December 31, 1965, for an additional three-year term.

SAUDIA ARABIA  
ASSIGNMENT OF  
TERRITORY  
65/293

VOTED, To assign the whole of the territory of the Kingdom of Saudia Arabia, as an unorganized field, directly under the Division. (Work in Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the Trucial States, and Muscat and Oman continues under the direction of the Iraq Section.)

IRAN SECTION  
EDUCATIONAL SURVEY  
65/294

VOTED, To set the dates for the Iran Section Educational Survey for January 19 and 20, during the visit of Elder G. M. Mathews to that field. (see 65/121, p. 1246)

G. M. MATHEWS  
C. V. BRAUER  
ITINERARY  
65/295

VOTED, To approve the itinerary of G. M. Mathews and C. V. Brauer as follows:

January 4-10	Jordan
January 11-16	Iraq
January 17-24	Iran
January 24-31	Lebanon
February 1-9	Egypt
February 10-12	Libya

ITINERARIES  
65/296

VOTED, To approve the following departmental itineraries:

A. A. Haddad

January 9-13	Egypt	Five-Day Plan
January 23-27	Basra or Kuwait	"
January 30-Feb. 3	Baghdad	"
February 20-24	Cyprus	"
March 20-25	Libya	"
April 21-May 1	Iran	Temperance & MV
May 15-25	Turkey	"

D. L. Chappell

January 7-9	Turkey	Sab. Sch. & Pub. Prom.
February 4-10	Iraq, Kuwait	"
March 4-6	Jordan	"
March 10-13	Cyprus	"
Mar. 31-Apr. 10	Iran	Student Colp. Inst.
April 24-27	Lebanon	"
June 24-July 3	Egypt	"

H. C. Lamp, M.D.

January 9-13	Egypt	Five-Day Plan
January 23-27	Basra or Kuwait	"
Jan. 30-Feb. 3	Baghdad	"
February 20-24	Cyprus	"
March 7-10	Lebanon	Health Emph. Wk. MEC
March 20-30	Libya	Five-Day Plan Hospital Evangelism Workshop

MID-YEAR MEETING  
DATES  
65/297

VOTED, To hold a spring meeting of the full committee of the Middle East Division in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Middle East College Board, early in March, 1966.

COLPORTEUR  
COLLECTION PLAN  
65/298

VOTED, To approve the Colporteur Collection Plan in principle as recommended by the Publishing Department and to authorize the Lebanon and Cyprus Sections to use the plan on an experimental basis with select colporteurs and trained collectors.

EGYPT SCHOOL  
ENGLISH NAME  
65/299

VOTED, To designate the school at Gabal Asfar, Egypt, as the "Adventist Theological Institute of Egypt," in English for purposes of identification and publication.

ADJOURNMENT

The committee adjourned for the day at 12:45 p.m. Prayer was offered by Jabbour Semaan.

DEVOTIONAL  
NOVEMBER 7

The season of prayer was led by Jabbour Semaan, R. R. Figuhr, and D. L. Chappell. W. R. Beach chose as a theme the statement of Caleb, "We are well able to possess the land." This was not a blatant optimism, but a calculated opinion. The scriptures emphasize God's ability to bring strength out of weakness (Heb. 11:34,35) and that "All things are possible." (Mark 9:23). General McClellan, of Civil War fame, because of his obsession with the delusion that the enemy forces always outnumbered him, has given his name to a defeatist attitude known as the McClellan Complex. He withdrew his forces in the face of certain victory had he taken the initiative. Elder Beach illustrated optimism with the story of a man who had been sentenced to die by the Prince. He begged a stay of sentence for a year while he taught the Prince's horse to fly, to which the Prince agreed. His fellow prisoners rebuked him for attempting such an impossible thing. "You will have a miserable year and a worse death," they assured him. He explained that during the year the Prince might die, the horse might die, he himself might die, and the horse might learn to fly. On the other hand, foolish fear was illustrated by a rabbit who ran when the donkey was threatened. We should not be spectators on the balcony, but fighters in the arena; not fearful, but courageously getting the work done. We do not have to do God's work-- Let God be God. We can go up and possess the land. Dr. Vine offered the closing prayer.

RECESS

After a few minutes recess the meeting opened again. Dr. Lamp offered prayer.

SECTION REPORTS

Hilal Dose, J. Sherwood Jones, and Kenneth Harding reported for the Egypt, Cyprus, and Iran Sections respectively.

RECESS

After prayer by Elder Dose, the committee recessed to allow smaller committees to work until 10:30 a.m. The meeting reopened with prayer by Elder Brauer.

ARABIC FILM  
PRICES  
65/300

VOTED, To approve the sale of the Arabic temperance films to Adventist organizations at the following prices:

One in 20,000	LL 480.00
Susan's Dragon	225.00
Time Pulls the Trigger	360.00
Verdict at 1:32	465.00

and further, To provide from Division unassigned funds the portion of original production costs not covered by sales, leaving within the sale price LL 100.00 per unit to build up a reserve for future film production.

ARMENIAN TEMPERANCE  
FILMS  
65/301

VOTED, To appropriate from the 1966 Division Contingency Fund LL 3,000 for preparing two films on tobacco in the Armenian language, using the magnetic stripe method.

"LIGHT FOR TODAY"  
COURSES IN TURKISH  
65/302

VOTED, To amend Action 64/267, to authorize the Division Radio-TV Department to arrange the translation and printing of the "Light for Today" course in Turkish and charge the cost against the Voice of Prophecy Reserve account.

PER DIEM  
ALLOWANCE  
65/303

VOTED, To adjust the per diem allowance for Section workers on authorized itineraries as follows:

Cyprus	Cy£	.750
Egypt	EEg	.500 village .700 cities
Iran	Rials	300.00
Iraq	ID	1.000
Jordan	JD	.600
Kuwait	KuD	1.500
Lebanon	LE	8.00
Libya	Li£	.500
Sudan	£Su	.400
Syria	SE	8.00
Turkey	Tq£	18.00

SUSTENTATION  
POLICY REVISION  
65/304

VOTED, To revise the sustentation provisions to provide that sustentee workers receiving government social insurance payments from funds provided by the denomination will receive sustentation payments based on a percentage reduction equal to the percentage of salary paid into the account by the denomination.

MOVING ALLOWANCE:  
DEPRECIATION  
AND OUTFITTING  
65/305

VOTED, That when a worker is requested by his Section committee to move, he shall be granted a depreciation and outfitting allowance of LL 100 for a family, or LL 50 for a single worker. This is in addition to the regular moving allowances to cover the cost of freight, insurance, etc.

SINGLE WORKER'S  
RENT POLICY  
65/306

VOTED, To authorize employing organizations to include new single workers under the provisions of the regular Rent Policy where conditions require.

MEDICAL  
EXAMINATION  
EXPENSE  
65/307

VOTED, 1. That, as the controlling committees may determine applicable, the following items be included in the annual medical examination provided in the policy, to be allowed according to the actual expense:

- a. Physical Examination
- b. Laboratory Tests:
  - Urinalysis
  - Blood Count
  - Cholesterol
  - Stool Examination
  - Papanicolaou Test

2. That where chest X-rays, I.K.G., and P.B.I. or other tests are indicated, the cost of these tests be reportable on the regular medical expense plan.

ASSISTANCE FOR  
PROSPECTIVE NURSES  
65/308

VOTED, To favor the giving of educational assistance to students studying nursing and to request the Division Medical Department to investigate the requirements.

1966 CHURCH  
CALENDAR  
REVISIONS  
65/309

VOTED, To revise the 1966 Church Calendar as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Special Days and Campaigns</u>	<u>Special Offerings</u>
Jan. 1	Soul-Winning Plans & Home Visit.	Church Missionary
8	Bible Evangelism Crusade (Change from February 5)	
29	Spirit of Prophecy Day (Change from May 14)	
29-Feb.5	Spirit of Prophecy Week (Change from May 7-14)	
Feb. 5	Bood of the Year Promotion Day	
Apr. 2		Church Missionary
9		Million Dollar (Change from Apr. 2)
23-30	<u>Call to Health</u> Campaign (Change from April 2-23)	
30		<u>Call to Health</u> Subscriptions
May 28	(Delete Bible Corres. Day)	
Sept.10	(Delete Miss. Extension Day)	Missions Extension
Oct.15	Temperance Day (Change from 22nd)	Temperance
22	Community Relations Day (Change from 15th)	
22-29	<u>Hope</u> Campaign (Change from 15-29)	
29		<u>Hope</u> Subs.

1967 CHURCH CALENDAR VOTED, To adopt the 1967 Church Calendar as follows:  
65/310

<u>Date</u>	<u>Special Days</u>	<u>Special Offerings</u>	
January	7 14 28 28-Feb. 4	Soul-winning Plans & Home Visit. Bible Evangelism Crusade Spirit of Prophecy Day Spirit of Prophecy Week	Church Missionary
February	4 11 18 18-25 25	Book of the Year Promotion Christian Home & Family Altar Day Christian Home Week Temperance Commitment Day	Church Missionary Middle East College
March	4 11 18 18-25 25	Visitation Evangelism Day Sabbath School Rally Day Missionary Volunteer Day Missionary Volunteer Week 13th Sabbath	Church Missionary Spring Mission Far Eastern Division
April	1 15-22 22-29 29	Magazine Evangelism Day Health Emphasis Week <u>Call to Health</u> Campaign	Church Missionary <u>Call to Health</u> Subs.
May	6 13	Health & Welfare Evangelism Day	Church Missionary Disaster & Fam. Rel.
June	3 24	13th Sabbath	Church Missionary Northern Europe Div.
July	1 8	Medical Missionary Day	Church Missionary Mid-summer
August	5 19	Pioneer Evangelism Day Educational Day	Church Missionary Elementary School
September	2 9 16 30	Literature Evangelist Rally Day <u>Review and Herald</u> Promotion Day JMV Pathfinder Day 13th Sabbath	Church Missionary Missions Extension Southern Asia Div.
October	7 7-14 14 21 21-28 28	Neighborhood Evangelism Day Voice of Prophecy Campaign Voice of Prophecy Day Temperance Day <u>Hope</u> Campaign	Church Missionary Voice of Prophecy Temperance <u>Hope</u> Subscriptions
November	4 4-11 18 18-Jan. 6, 1968 25	Week of Prayer Ingathering Campaign Launching Day Ingathering Campaign Community Relations Day	Church Missionary Annual Sacrifice
December	2 9 23	Ingathering Campaign Promotion Tithe Promotion Day 13th Sabbath	Church Missionary Central Europe Div.

BOOK DONATIONS  
TO SCHOOL  
LIBRARIES  
65/311

WHEREAS, Secondary and college students, who form a major segment of the population, are particularly impressed by the books they find in their school libraries, but are usually not able to own personal copies, it was

VOTED, 1. To contact the responsible persons in such schools with a view of placing in their libraries representative Adventist publications.

2. To recommend that Public Relations Department secretaries in consultation with the Section committees prepare appropriate sets of denominational religious, health and children's books for donation to up to six select secondary schools or colleges in each Section annually, with the suggestion that an appropriate statement of presentation be written or stamped in each volume.

3. To make such books available to the Public Relations Departments through the Book and Periodical Houses at cost plus a service charge equal to ten per cent of the retail price, the cost of the sets to be distributed equally between the Section and Division Public Relations Departments, and

4. To recommend to the organizations concerned that provision be made in the department budgets for this project.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY  
DISCOUNT  
65/312

VOTED, To continue through 1966 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  
65/313

VOTED, To continue through 1966 the 50 per cent discount on English periodicals to national workers and members who read English (See Action 2023 for policy).

BIBLE SOCIETY  
DONATION  
65/314

VOTED, To authorize a donation of LL 100 from Division operating funds to the Lebanon branch of the Bible Society (See Action 64/286 for the 1965 donation.)

HHS CAPITAL  
65/315

VOTED, To provide the initial capital for the Home Health Education Service to begin operating the colporteur collection plan as follows:

Cyprus	Cy£	200.000
Lebanon	LL	1,720.00

EXTENSION OF  
VISITATION YEAR  
65/316

VOTED, To designate 1966 another visitation year, with special emphasis to be given the securing of applications for Bible correspondence school lessons, suggesting a goal of one application per church member per month.

ADJOURNMENT

The committee adjourned for the day at 12:45 p.m.  
W. R. Beach offered the prayer.

DEVOTIONAL

The meeting opened with a hymn and a season of prayer. Then Elder Figuhr spoke about church organization, showing how the early church was organized, having administrators and order. However, in the early Adventist movement it was feared that those who advocated organization were leading the church back to Babylon. Still, organization was essential to success. Afterward, when the fruits of organization were evident, all agreed that organization was important. The difference between a mob and an army, Elder Figuhr said, is organization. The denomination learned that organization allowed 1) the workers to have systematic support, to devote themselves wholly to the work, instead of being dependent upon sidelines, 2) the opening up of new work, allowing everyone to have a share in the world work, 3) the church to be protected against the influence of unworthy members, 4) the church to hold properties, and 5) to support publishing houses. Sister White reported that she had received light that there must be order and discipline in the church. God blesses united efforts, but the heavenly messengers never put their endorsement on disorganization. God wants an organized movement to give the warning to the doomed world. Elder Fenn offered the closing prayer.

RECESS

The committee reconvened at 9:00 a.m., after a short recess. Dr. Lamp offered the opening prayer.

SECTION REPORTS

L. Curtis Miller and Behnam Arshat reported for the Turkey and Iraq Sections.

RECESS

The committee recessed at 9:30 a.m., after prayer by Elder Darnell, to allow for the meeting of smaller committees. It reconvened at 10:30 a.m. Elder Brauer offered the opening prayer.

CREDENTIALS AND  
LICENSES

65/317

VOTED, To grant the following credentials and licenses for the year 1966:

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

Ministerial Credentials

C. V. Brauer  
D. L. Chappell  
Roger W. Coon  
Robert Darnell  
V. A. Fenn  
Anees A. Haddad  
Chafic Srouf

Missionary Credentials

Izella Stuiivenga  
R. W. Wilmot

Missionary License

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

Ministerial License

Herschel C. Lamp, M.D.

Credentials and Licenses, Cont.

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION, Cont.

Honorary Ministerial  
Credentials

Basta Bishai  
Salim Noujaim  
Shukri Nowfel

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

Employment Card

Garbis Bedalian  
Jad Kafar  
George Saad  
Nicola Youssif

BENGHAZI HOSPITAL

Ministerial Credentials

W. J. Clemons

Ministerial License

E. W. Hildebrand, M.D.  
D. C. Ludington, M.D.

Missionary Credentials

Rae Anna Brown  
Aaron Dennis  
Rafic Issa  
Mrs. Rafic Issa  
Cleo Johnson  
Mounir Masloub  
Mrs. Mounir Masloub  
Alice Medina  
Russell Nolin  
M. T. Oliverio, M.D.  
Ruth Tobiassen  
Evangeline Voth  
Dorothy Walter

Missionary License

Mrs. W. J. Clemons  
Lucila Deles  
Mrs. Aaron Dennis

Missionary License, Cont.

A. A. Ewert, D.D.S.  
Mrs. A. A. Ewert  
Rebecca Gucilatar  
Mrs. Cleo Johnson  
Irma Kintanar  
Mrs. D. C. Ludington  
Darel McConnell  
Mrs. Darel McConnell  
Ellen Melki  
Nadia Nashed  
Mrs. Russell Nolin  
Eliseo Oliverio  
Mrs. Eliseo Oliverio  
Mrs. M. T. Oliverio  
Emilia Tabo  
Jack Thompson  
Mrs. Jack Thompson  
Bishara Aziz Youssef  
Mrs. Bishara Youssef

Employment Card

Elizabeth Atamian  
Nadie Wadie

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

Ministerial Credentials

Richard Lee Fenn  
J. S. Russell  
K. L. Vine

Missionary Credentials

Mrs. Raymond Bitar  
Herbert Faimann  
Jad Katrib  
Henry Melki  
L. V. Morris  
Lloyd Nolin  
June Soper  
E. W. Waring  
Violet Wentland  
Ignatius Yacoub  
Mrs. Ignatius Yacoub

Ministerial License

B. L. Gilleroth  
Samir Shahin

Missionary License

Samia Abu Ali  
Hana Aboud  
Munir Abou Deeb  
Habib Bishara  
Mrs. Habib Bishara  
Nicola Esber  
Mrs. Herbert Faimann

Missionary License, Cont.

Mrs. Richard L. Fenn  
Ellen Ghazal  
George Ghazal  
Mrs. B. L. Gilleroth  
Ibrahim Hanna  
Nicola Issa  
Tanius Issa  
Joseph Khoury  
Mrs. L. V. Morris  
Hanna Matouk  
Mary Nashed  
Mrs. Lloyd Nolin  
Mrs. J. S. Russell  
Ahed Semaan  
Mrs. Philip Srouer  
Mrs. K. L. Vine  
Mrs. E. W. Waring

Employment Card

Vartkes Azadian  
George Kabbas  
George Manoukian  
Mrs. Hanna Matouk  
Ibrahim Mekdisi  
Gabriel Melki  
Shohda Melki  
Michael Obeid  
Guirgis Salloum

MIDDLE EAST PRESS

Missionary Credentials

R. E. Anderson  
Naim Awais  
Boutros Ghazal

Missionary License

Elia Abdelnour  
Mrs. R. E. Anderson  
Raymond Bitar  
Nadia El-Tahawi  
Yervant Maksoudyan

Missionary License, Cont

Samuel Nassimian  
Krikor Yessayan

Employment Cards

Elias Asmar  
Mrs. Elias Asmar  
Gaby Faiz  
Antoine Gariguiss  
Karim Issa  
Raymond Kiraz  
Haraboun Marashlian

CYPRUS SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

J. Sherwood Jones

Missionary Credentials

A. N. Barlas

Missionary License

Moses Elmadjian  
Mrs. J. Sherwood Jones

Credentials and Licenses, Cont.

EGYPT SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

Abadir Abdel-Messih  
Nassif Boutros  
Hilal Dose  
Samaan Fangary  
Angely Gayed  
William Gayed  
Fikry Mikkhail  
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

IRAN SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

Aram Aghassian  
Jack Bohannon  
Melcom Gasparian  
Kenneth Harding  
R. D. Hyde  
H. K. Salakian  
Y. O. Sangerloo

Missionary Credentials

Hranoosh Avedissian  
J. S. Gabriel

Missionary Credentials, Cont.

Anoosh Keshishzade  
Vigain Marcarian  
M. H. Morovati  
I. C. Peacock

Missionary License

Mrs. Jack Bohannon  
Mrs. Kenneth Harding  
Mrs. R. D. Hyde  
Mrs. I. C. Peacock

IRAQ SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

Behnam Arshat  
Nageeb Azar  
Salim Majeed  
Said Tooma

Bible Instructor Credentials

Mrs. Fuad Ashkar

Missionary Credentials

Emilia Feddo  
Fawzia Khalil  
Mrs. Salim Majeed  
Philip Saaty  
Majeeda Shamoon  
Mrs. Said Tooma  
Shameram Yousif

Missionary License

Basim Fargo

JORDAN SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

Mousa Azar  
W. A. Potter  
H. E. Robinson

Missionary Credentials

Michael Katrib  
Mrs. Michael Katrib

Missionary License

Mrs. Reuben Lorenson  
Mrs. W. A. Potter  
Mrs. H. E. Robinson  
Zaki Saliba

LEBANON SECTION

Ministerial Credentials      Missionary Credentials, Cont.

Harley D. Bresee  
Towfic Issa  
George Khoury  
Manoug Nazirian  
George Raffoul

Issa Kharma  
Minas Megurditchian  
Mrs. Manoug Nazirian  
Philip Srour  
George Yared

Missionary Credentials      Bible Instructor Credentials

Alfred Akar  
Evelyn Dikran  
George Esber  
George Issa  
Leif Jensen

A. Ruby Williams

Missionary License

Mrs. Harley D. Bresee  
Mrs. Leif Jensen

SYRIA SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

Ziki Hannawy  
Maurice Katrib

TURKEY SECTION

Ministerial Credentials      Missionary License

L. C. Miller

Mrs. L. C. Miller

Bible Instructor Credentials

Yebraxie Gomig

FIVE-DAY PLAN  
NEW TEAMS  
65/318

VOTED, To invite Drs. B. Brandstater and D. C. Ludington to join teams for the conducting of Five-Day Plan clinics, the time, place, and details to be arranged in consultation with the Division administration and the Temperance and Medical Department secretaries.

HOME VISITATION  
TRACTS  
65/319

VOTED, To authorize the Home Missionary Department to arrange the preparation and publication of Home Visitation Day tracts for 1966 as follows:

January 1      Subject appropriate for New Year's Day  
March 5      Topic on world conditions  
October 1      Health and Temperance topic

It is understood that the tracts will be of the same format as those in use over the past few years and that the same plan of finance will be followed, ie. the publisher's charge is shared equally between the Section which has placed the order and a Division fund provided in Action 63/327.

SECTION REPORT

Maurice Katrib reported for the Syria Section.

RECESS

After prayer by Elder Figuhr, the committee recessed at 12:30 p.m. to reconvene at 4:45. Jabbour Semaan opened the meeting with prayer.

BUDGET REPORT  
FOR 1966  
65/320

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

<u>Base Appropriation</u>		<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>Lebanese Currency</u>
Division			280,092.22
Benghazi Hospital	LiE	3,445.937	27,981.00
Middle East College			144,851.78
Middle East Press			65,629.26
Radio Studio			9,769.44
Aden Station			10,000.00
Cyprus Section	CyE	2,254.690	18,308.08
Egypt Section	EgE	45,948.342	319,800.46
Iran Section	Rials	3,814,789.47	147,505.60
Iraq Section	ID	9,353.445	75,949.97
Jordan Section	JD	7,947.067	64,530.18
Lebanon Section			142,259.82
Sudan Station			10,516.10
Syria Section	SyE	43,506.05	37,850.25
Turkey Section	TqE	58,644.83	<u>18,895.35</u>
			LE 1,373,939.51
			US 473,772.25

Voice of Prophecy Funds

Received from the General Conference	LE	65,250.00
Received from Middle East Division		<u>46,600.00</u>
		111,850.00

Cyprus School	CyE	1,231.527	10,000.00
Iran School	Rials	186,500.00	7,200.00
Iraq School	ID	1,970.443	16,000.00
Jordan School	JD	2,463.054	20,000.00
Lebanon School			36,150.00
Syria School	SyE	12,068.94	10,500.00
Turkey School	TqE	37,241.64	<u>12,000.00</u>
			111,850.00

Special Funds Available

General Conference		
Specials - General	LE	580,000.00
Church Extension		58,000.00
Division		
Emergency Fund		10,000.00
Exchange		44,000.00
Ingathering Reversion		8,000.00
Spring in Tithe and Offerings		1,068.13
Undistributed Funds		1,059.59
Contingency Fund		35,000.00
Cairo Center Relocation		<u>57,329.05</u>
Total Funds Available		794,456.77
Less: Specials for Church Extension		<u>58,000.00</u>
NET - FOR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION		736,456.77

<u>Special Funds Distribution</u>		<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>Lebanese Currency</u>
Middle East Division			
Office Equipment			7,000.00
Contingency Fund			<u>90,209.47</u>
Total - Division			97,209.47
Benghazi Hospital			
Church - School	LiE	6,896.552	56,000.00
Housing	"	6,896.552	<u>56,000.00</u>
Total - Benghazi Hospital			112,000.00
Middle East College			
Miscellaneous Equipment			27,300.00
Vocational Equipment			2,947.00
Home Economics Equipment			1,000.00
Library Books			10,000.00
Secretarial Dept. Equipment			5,000.00
Music Dept. Equipment			1,000.00
Bible Dept. Equipment			1,000.00
Education Dept. Equipment			1,000.00
Roads - Repair			1,500.00
Recreation Area			10,000.00
Housing - Faculty			125,000.00
Music Studio Improvements			<u>1,000.00</u>
Total - Middle East College			186,747.00
Middle East Press			
Telephone Equipment			8,200.00
Intertype			<u>10,000.00</u>
Total - Middle East Press			18,200.00
Cyprus Section			
International Fair Exhibit	CyE	250.000	2,030.00
Projection Equipment	"	500.000	4,060.00
Youth Camp Equipment	"	495.000	4,019.40
Office Equipment	"	150.000	1,218.00
Piano - Church	"	300.000	2,436.00
Book & Periodical House Restock		750.000	<u>6,090.00</u>
Total - Cyprus Section			19,853.40
Egypt Section			
Elementary School Equipment	EEg	342.000	2,380.32
Diesel Engine for Irrigation	"	1,800.000	12,528.00
Academy Equipment	"	150.000	1,044.00
Organ - Evangelistic Center	"	625.000	4,350.00
Fayoum Church and Land	"	8,000.000	55,680.00
Monsoura Land	"	2,750.000	19,140.00
Church Repairs	"	1,750.000	12,180.00
Assiut Church Remodeling	"	500.000	<u>3,480.00</u>
Total - Egypt Section			110,782.32

Special Funds Distribution (Cont'd)

		<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>Lebanese Currency</u>
Iran Section			
Library Bks. Evang. Center	Rials	20,000.00	773.34
Tehran Armenian Ch. Tele.	"	20,000.00	773.34
Tehran Armenian Ch. Coolers	"	90,000.00	3,480.00
Mission Office Equipment	"	50,000.00	1,933.34
Farsi Hymnbook Translation	"	50,000.00	1,933.34
Academy Visual Aids	"	20,000.00	773.34
Academy Exhaust Fans	"	10,000.00	386.67
Elementary School Land	"	1,000,000.00	38,666.77
Tehran Armen. Ch. Completion	"	300,000.00	1,160.00
Academy Well	"	50,000.00	<u>1,933.34</u>
Total - Iran Section			51,813.48
Iraq Section			
Office Typewriter	ID	60.000	487.20
Baghdad School Desks	"	200.000	1,624.00
Kindergarten Games	"	100.000	812.00
Kirkuk Cooler	"	120.000	974.40
Kirkuk Misc. Equipment	"	220.000	1,786.40
Baghdad Academy Building	"	3,572.000	<u>29,004.64</u>
Total - Iraq Section			34,688.64
Jordan Section			
Visual Aids	JD	75.000	609.00
Office Equipment	"	250.000	2,030.00
Jerusalem Center Equip.	"	1,000.000	8,120.00
Jerusalem Center Bldg.	"	3,572.000	<u>29,004.64</u>
Total - Jordan Section			39,763.64
Lebanon Section			
Ultra Sound - Physiotherapy			2,500.00
MV Tents and Cots			5,000.00
Bishmezzine Church Pews			1,000.00
Museitbeh School Equipment			8,000.00
Evangelistic Center Equipment			2,000.00
Bishmezzine School Addition			10,000.00
Aramoun School Repair			<u>5,000.00</u>
Total - Lebanon Section			33,500.00
Syria Section			
Damascus Center Equipment	Sy£	26,666.00	23,199.42
Turkey Section			
Clinic Equipment	Tq£	4,500.00	1,449.90
Church Equipment	"	4,500.00	1,449.90
Church Improvements	"	18,000.00	<u>5,799.60</u>
Total - Turkey Section			8,699.40
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS			736,456.77
Church Extension - 1966			
Benghazi Church			29,000.00
College Park Church			<u>29,000.00</u>
* TOTAL - ALL SPECIALS			794,456.77

Fixed Rates of Exchange

<u>Country</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Fixed Rate in Local Currency</u>	<u>1966 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 EGYPT  
SALARY BASE  
65/321

VOTED, To raise the 100 per cent salary base for Egypt 8 per cent.

EXPRESSION OF  
THANKS  
65/322

The chairman, Elder Wilcox, spoke of the spirit of thankfulness which we feel in the Middle East Division upon the reading of the Budget Committee report. It was felt that the brethren in Washington had been generous in the division of funds and that our people had gone the second mile in sacrifice to make possible so fine a gift to the work of missions. We have found it an encouragement to recognize the support our work has in the affections and liberality of our fellow believers and in the untiring efforts and devotion of our world leadership. It was

VOTED, To record the expression of these sentiments as presented by the chairman.

MIDDLE EAST  
DELEGATION  
GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION  
65/323

VOTED, To appoint the following as the delegates of the Middle East Division to the General Conference session in Detroit, June 16-25, 1966:

Regular Delegates

R. E. Anderson  
Manuk Benzatyan  
Hilal Dose  
Ghanim Fargo  
Ziki Hannawi  
John Hasso  
Erna Kruger  
D. Clifford Ludington  
L. Curtis Miller  
Manoug Nazirian  
Chafic Srour  
Izella Stuivenga

Delegates at Large

Roger Coon  
Robert Darnell  
V. A. Fenn  
A. A. Haddad  
R. A. Wilcox

SHIPPING INSURANCE  
CHARGE ON BOOK  
DELIVERIES  
65/324

VOTED, To include in the policies of the Publishing Department a provision that the Middle East Press will set up an insurance reserve to cover the loss of shipments directed to the book and periodical houses. This fund is to be built by an insurance charge of LE .10 on each kilogram of shipment, the rate to be reviewed annually considering the status of the reserves.

AUTHOR'S  
ROYALTY PLAN  
65/325

VOTED, To approve the setting of the rate of the payment of royalties to authors under the author's publication agreement adopted at Middle East Press at 5 per cent, with the understanding that this applies to a straight royalty payment. Other methods of payment, combined with royalties, may call for a different royalty rate.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY  
LEBANESE SOCIAL  
SECURITY  
65/326

VOTED, To appoint the following a committee to study the provisions of the Lebanese Social Security regulations as they are related to the wage scale and allowances granted by the denomination:

V. A. Fenn, chairman  
R. E. Anderson  
Boutros Ghazal  
George Ghazal

George Khoury  
K. L. Vine  
R. W. Wilmot  
George Yared

RESOLUTION OF  
GRATITUDE AND  
DEDICATION  
65/327

VOTED, To adopt the following Resolution of Gratitude and Dedication:

RESOLVED: 1. That we give thanks to God for the loving unity that binds our hearts to Him and to one another. We rejoice that this oneness of doctrine, of purpose, and of hope, is centered in Christ, "the Author and Finisher of our faith." It is for the gift of Christ Himself that we express our deepest gratitude, realizing that it is in Him alone that we may find freedom from the guilt of yesterday's mistakes, wisdom, courage, and power to meet the challenges of today, and an abiding confidence that assures us victory in God's final tomorrow; and

2. That we give thanks to God for the corps of loyal workers and faithful members who have consecrated their lives in service to the cause of God in this Division.

3. That we unite with our workers and laymen in a heart searching to remove every spiritual impediment to the end that all may be prepared to receive the mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. We call upon every member to devote himself to prayer and the study of the Word of God that he might have a compelling love for souls and an all-consuming sense of urgency to bear to a doomed world a message of love and hope.

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4. That we hereby dedicate ourselves, body, mind, and spirit, to God and to the task to which He has called us that we might be a constant witness in our homes, our churches, our institutions, and in every crossroad of life where God may call us to serve.

UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS  
65/328

VOTED, To refer all unfinished business to the Executive Committee of the Division.

CLOSING

The members of the committee stood to sing "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow." Elder Figuhr led in the prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

The committee adjourned sine die at 6:00 p.m.

R. A. Wilcox, Chairman

Robert Darnell, Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEETINGBeirut, LebanonNovember 17, 19658:45 A. M.PRESENT

R. A. Wilcox, Robert Darnell, C. V. Brauer, D. L. Chappell,  
V. A. Fenn, George Khoury, H. C. Lamp, M.D., Manoug Nazirian,  
K. L. Vine.

OPENING

Prayer was offered by V. A. Fenn.

ADVANCED STUDY BY  
WORKERS OF MIDDLE  
EAST COLLEGE  
AMENDMENT  
65/329

VOTED, To amend the Policy for Advanced Study by Workers of Middle East College, Working Policy, page 95-B, paragraph a, to read:

"a. The Middle East Division shall pay round-trip travel expense for the worker, his wife, and dependent children, from Middle East College to the destination authorized by the Division. Travel shall be by economy class air transportation." etc.

AHED SAMAAAN  
REVISION OF  
AGREEMENT  
65/330

VOTED, To approve the revision of the agreement between Middle East College and Ahed Samaan (Action 65/154) to provide for a living allowance of \$195.00 monthly, retroactive to the beginning of the period of study. (This living allowance amounts to approximately 65 per cent of the single ordained minister's salary in the United States.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY  
POLICY FOR WORKERS'  
ADVANCED STUDY  
65/331

VOTED, To appoint the following a committee to recommend a Division-wide policy for workers' advanced study:

R. A. Wilcox  
Robert Darnell  
V. A. Fenn  
George Ghazal  
K. L. Vine

REALLOCATION OF  
FUNDS  
EGYPT SECTION  
65/332

VOTED, To reallocate the special appropriations distributed to the Egypt Section (Action 65/320, p. 1299) for land purchases in Fayoum and Mansoura, amounting to EEg 10,750, for use in church building construction as follows:

Beni Suef	EEg	7,000
Sohag		3,630
Mansoura		120
	EEg	<u>10,750</u>

and further, to authorize the reallocation by the Egypt Section of EEg 1,500, held in a trust fund for purchasing land in Sohag, to the Sohag church building fund, bringing this fund to a total of EEg 5,130.

WIVES' SERVICE  
RECORDS  
POLICY AMENDMENT  
65/333

VOTED, To amend the policy on Recording and Preserving Service Records, Working Policy, page 53, paragraph 4, to read as follows:

"That the responsibility for obtaining information and keeping a personal service record for every worker rest with the employing organization, and that this provision include the service record of wives of denominationally employed workers when the wives are serving on a full-time basis."

in harmony with the recommendation from the 1965 Autumn Council (The underscored material is an addition).

JACK THOMPSON  
VACATION  
AUTHORIZATION  
65/334

VOTED, To authorize Jack Thompson and family to take their 1965 vacation outside the Division territory. They are going to Malta.

A. J. HABIBI, M.D.  
STUDY PROGRAM  
REVIEWED  
65/335

VOTED, To recommend to the Iran Section that Dr. A. J. Habibi be given an additional period of study time to prepare for the examination of the Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates, and to authorize the following changes in the dates specified in the original program (Action 65/164):

1. The date of the examination to February 9, 1966
2. The beginning date of the internship at Hinsdale to July 1, 1966
3. The period of salary payments by the Iran Section to June 30, 1966
4. The provision of furnished quarters by the Middle East Division to June 30, 1966

And further, to review the agreement in April, 1966.

CALL, EVANGELIST,  
JERUSALEM CENTER  
65/336

VOTED, To place a call with the General Conference for an evangelist to head the Jerusalem Center.

MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT  
FUNDS TO BENGHAZI  
HOSPITAL BUILDING  
65/337

VOTED, To assign the medical development funds received from the General Conference in 1962 and 1963 (LL 217,500 and 145,000, a total of 362,500) to the new Benghazi Hospital building fund.

BARCLAYS BANK  
IN BENGHAZI  
CHECKING ACCOUNT  
65/338

VOTED, To authorize the opening of a checking account in the name of the Middle East Division for the hospital building fund account at the Barclays Bank in Benghazi and to approve the signatures of V. A. Fenn, D. Clifford Ludington, and Cleo Johnson to operate the account.

BOOK ALLOWANCE  
POLICY  
65/339

VOTED, To adopt the following policy on Book and Journal Allowances for Workers:

1. A professional worker who has progressed in his/her special field so as either:
  - a. To have completed an M. A. program of graduate study, or
  - b. To have attained a position of advanced professional rank in denominational employ (professors, heads of academic departments in colleges, editors in chief, heads of specialized departments in institutions, and such other positions as demand advanced professional competence),

shall be granted an annual allowance of LL 75.00 or its equivalent for the purchase of books and/or journals related to his/her special field upon presentation of appropriate invoices or receipts, it being recognized that persons who reach advanced professional positions must keep abreast with the advances of their fields in order to maintain professional competence.

2. For a worker who has completed a doctorate program of graduate study, the allowance shall be LL 150.00 or its equivalent.

3. Other workers may receive an annual book and/or journal allowance of LL 25.00 or its equivalent upon presentation of appropriate invoices or receipts.

1966 HOLIDAY  
SCHEDULE  
65/340

VOTED, To approve the 1966 holiday schedule for the Division office as follows:

January 3	New Year's Day
April 11	Easter
May 2	Labor Day
May 6	Martyr's Day ( $\frac{1}{2}$ day)
To be arranged	Picnic Day
November 22	Independence Day
December 23, 26, 27	Christmas ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ days)

1965 HOLIDAY  
SCHEDULE  
ADJUSTMENT  
65/341

VOTED, To adjust the 1965 holiday schedule for the Division office to set December 28 as an office holiday in lieu of the summer picnic day.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:45 a.m. Prayer was offered by K. L. Vine.

R. A. Wilcox, Chairman

Robert Darnell, Secretary