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SEVENTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 1, 1937

MEMBERS PRESENT:

E.D.Dick, H.T.Elliott, I.H.Evans, F.M.Wilcox, H.H.Cobban, G.W. Wells, R.Ruhling, M.A.Hollister, F.C.Gilbert, C.L.Bond, C.S.Longacre, H.E. Rogers, J.E.Weaver, W.P.Elliott, M.E.Kern, S.A.Wellman.

OTHERS PRESENT:

H.W.Barrows.

E.D.Dick was asked to take the chair. Prayer by C.L.Bond. Minutes of the meetings of January 21 and 25 were approved.

MISSES MINNIE AND MINTIE TRUITT RELEASED:

VOTED, That in view of unfavorable medical reports, we release Misses Minnie and Mintie Truitt from the call to China.

J.B.ROSS--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To extend the furlough of J.B.Ross another three months, or until April 24, in order to give time for the further recuperation of his health before returning to Colombia.

RACHEL LANDRUM--CHINA:

VOTED, To request the Southwestern Union and the Oklahoma Conference to release Miss Rachel Landrum, to connect with the China Division for work in the Division office at Shanghai.

DR. A.E.WAGNER--CHINA:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union Conference and the White Memorial Hospital to release Dr. A.E.Wagner, to connect with the China Division for work in Canton.

DR. ARTHUR GRAY--TIBET:

VOTED, To invite Dr. Arthur Gray, of Patton, Maine, to connect with the China Division for work in Tibet.

D.E.REINER RELEASED:

VOTED, To release D.E.Reiner from the call to the Southern European Division, because of the unfavorable medical report for Mrs. Reiner.

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DR. H.A.GREEN--FLORIDA SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union Conference and the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium the request from the Southern Union Conference for the services of Dr. H.A.Green at the Florida Sanitarium for a short time during their busy season.

H.A.VANDEMAN--MICHIGAN:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the East Pennsylvania Conference the call from the Lake Union for H.A.Vandeman to connect with the Michigan Conference as pastor of the church in Flint.

MR. AND MRS. H.W.WALKER --ILLINOIS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Northern New England Conference the call from the Lake Union for Mr. and Mrs. H.W.Walker, to connect with the Illinois Conference, Elder Walker for evangelistic and pastoral work and Mrs. Walker for Bible work.

LOUISE SCHNEPPER--FLORIDA SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union Conference and the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium the call from the Southern Union for Miss Louise Schnepfer to connect with the Florida Sanitarium.

F.C.GILBERT--NEW YORK:

VOTED, That F.C.Gilbert be authorized to respond to the request for his services in New York City, February 5 to 7.

CHASE NATIONAL BANK--AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURES:

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Chase National Bank be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signatures of W.E.Nelson, and/or W.H.Williams, and/or W.E.Phillips, for the account which is in the name of the Central European Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, to sign or make all or any changes and orders for the payment of money, in the place of O.Schildhauer, heretofore authorized by this organization.

BASLER KATONALBANK--AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURE:

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby approve of the substitution of the name of W.E.Phillips as signatory in place of O.Schildhauer, to the account of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in the Basler Katonalbank of Basle, Switzerland.

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WEEK OF PRAYER READINGS:

The committee appointed to suggest topics and writers for the Readings for the 1937 Week of Prayer made the following report, which was adopted:

We recommend, 1. That the Week of Prayer Readings for 1937 be developed around the general theme "Our Lord's Return," and that the following be the subjects and writers:

Sabbath.-- "Christ, Our Intercessor and Coming King."--W.G.Turner.

Sunday.-- "The Gift of the Spirit and the Coming of Jesus."
--J.E.Fulton.

Monday.-- "The Elijah Message and Our Lord's Return."--M.N.Campbell

Tuesday.-- "What Manner of Persons Ought Ye to Be."--A.V.Olson.

Wednesday.-- "Omens of a Finished Work." -- E.D.Dick.

Thursday.-- "The Joy of Stewardship in View of Our Lord's Return."
--C.H.Watson.

Friday.-- "Our Youth and the Finishing of the Work."--A.W.Peterson.

Sabbath.-- "Arise, Shine. The Kingdom is Just Before Us."
--J.L.McElhany.

We recommend, 2. That E.W.Dunbar be asked to prepare the children's lessons for the Week of Prayer, and that these lessons be developed in harmony with the general topic, "Our Lord's Return."

E.D.DICK, Chairman.
H.T.ELLIOTT, Secretary.
E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 4, 1937

MEMBERS PRESENT:

I.H.Evans, H.T.Elliott, H.H.Cobban, G.W.Wells, R.Ruhling, C.L. Bond, J.A.Stevens, F.C.Gilbert, H.E.Rogers, J.J.Ireland, C.S.Longacre.

OTHERS PRESENT:

T.M.French.

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I.H.Evans was asked to take the chair.

Prayer by H.E.Rogers. Minutes of the meeting of January 27 were approved.

L.E.RAFFERTY--INDIANA ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Canadian Union Conference and Oshawa Missionary College the call from the Lake Union for L.E.Rafferty to connect with the Woodworking Department of the Indiana Academy.

R.G.STRICKLAND--ATLANTIC UNION:

VOTED, That we approve of the call made by the Atlantic Union Conference in session for R.G.Strickland of the Southern Union to connect with the Atlantic Union as Home Missionary Secretary.

H.W.WALKER--FLORIDA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Northern New England Conference the call from the Southern Union for H.W.Walker of Maine to connect with the Florida Conference as pastor of the Miami church.

PARSHALL HOWE--CONGO UNION MISSION:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and the Central California Conference to release Mr. and Mrs. Parshall Howe, of the Kern Academy, to connect with the Southern African Division for work in the Congo Union Mission.

DR. J.C.FOSTER--BECHUANALAND:

VOTED, To invite Dr. J.C.Foster, of Los Angeles, to connect with the Southern African Division for work at the Maun station in Bechuanaland.

MRS. L.L.DUNN--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to meet one half the medical expense of Mrs. L.L.Dunn, on furlough from Jamaica.

I.H.EVANS, Chairman.
H.T.ELLIOTT, Secretary.
E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 8, 1937

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, H.T.Elliott, I.H.Evans, H.H.Cobban, F.M.Wilcox,
G.W.Wells, C.L.Bond, H.E.Rogers, E.E.Franklin, J.A.Stevens, W.H.Bergherm,
F.C.Gilbert, C.S.Longacre.

OTHERS PRESENT:

T.M.French.

Prayer by T.M.French. Minutes of the meetings of February 1 and 4 were approved.

RALPH SMART--CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Bermuda Mission the call from the Columbia Union for Ralph Smart to connect with the Chesapeake Conference as field missionary secretary.

EUGENE WOESNER--LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

VOTED, That Eugene Woesner, who is assisting temporarily in the Auditing Department, be granted a leave of absence for the purpose of attending the funeral of his mother in California.

DR. H.M.WALTON--MINISTERIAL LICENSE:

VOTED, That ministerial license be granted to Dr. H.M.Walton, secretary of the Medical Department.

HAROLD C.BROWN RELEASED:

VOTED, That in view of his condition of health, we release Harold C.Brown from the call to Peru.

J.F.HUENERGARDT--EDITOR GERMAN PAPERS:

VOTED, To pass on to J.F.Huenergardt the invitation from the Pacific Press to connect with the Brookfield House as editor of the German papers, it being understood that they will subsidize his sustentation rate in accordance with the regular policy.

MRS. GRACE D. MACE--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to allow medical expense in the case of Mrs. Grace D. Mace, of the Home Missionary Department, in accordance with the regular General Conference policy.

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W.C.WHITE--PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to meet the expenses of W.C.White in attending the Pacific Union Conference session at Riverside, California.

C.S.LONGACRE--CONGRESSIONAL HEARING:

C.S.Longacre asked counsel about responding to a request to attend a hearing in the Senate Office Building, to speak in opposition to the Black-Harrison-Fletcher Educational Bill, which bill provides for federal funds to be appropriated by the States to private and religious as well as public educational institutions. It was

VOTED, That we approve of C.S.Longacre's responding to the request to speak in opposition to the passage of this bill.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.
H.T.ELLIOTT, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

SEVENTY-NINTH MEETING**GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

February 11, 1937

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, H.T.Elliott, E.D.Dick, F.M.Wilcox, G.W.Wells, H.H.Cobban, Wm. Butler, R.Ruhling, C.L.Bond, W.A.Hollister, J.A.Stevens, W.H.Bergherm, J.E.Weaver, L.E.Froom, H.H.Votaw, E.E.Franklin, F.C.Gilbert, M.C.Taft, C.S.Longacre, J.J.Ireland.

OTHERS PRESENT:

F.D.Nichol.

Prayer by H.H.Votaw.

CALENDAR REFORM ISSUE:

The chairman called attention to a report from Dr. J.Nussbaum, of the Southern European Division, with reference to the present status of the calendar reform issue before the League of Nations. Dr. Nussbaum has been to Geneva recently and in view of recent developments feels that the issue has taken a serious turn. It was

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VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee to study Dr. Nussbaum's report, and make recommendation as to what, if any, action should be taken at this time in connection with this question.

Appointed: I.H.Evans, C.S.Longacre, H.H.Votaw, M.A.Hollister, F.M.Wilcox, G.W.Wells, F.C.Gilbert, H.T.Elliott, L.E.Froom.

COLPORTEUR BIG WEEK:

VOTED, That the date for the Colporteur Big Week for 1937 be, May 1 to 8.

E.W.PETERSON--PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union Conference and Walla Walla College the call from the Pacific Union Conference for F.W. Peterson to connect with Pacific Union College as business manager.

W.E.ANDERSON--PHILIPPINE UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the China Division the call from the Far Eastern Division for W.E.Anderson, of the Far Eastern Academy, to connect with the Philippine Union College as treasurer and commercial teacher.

OLIVE CADY--FAR EASTERN ACADEMY:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference to release Miss Olive Cady, of Cedar Lake Academy, to connect with the China Division as matron for the Far Eastern Academy in Shanghai.

WEEK OF PRAYER READING ON STEWARDSHIP:

A cable received from Australia reported that C.H.Watson would be unable to prepare the reading for the Week of Prayer on "The Joy of Stewardship."

VOTED, To refer to the officers, with power to act, the appointment of a writer for the reading on Stewardship.

APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments for General Conference workers:

E.D.Dick to Reading, Pennsylvania, for the week end of February 13.

H.T.Elliott to Nashville, Tennessee, in connection with the preparation of the Harvest Ingathering magazine.

E.E.Brunklin to conduct colporteur institutes in Mexico, March 2 to 30.

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A.W.PETERSON TO FLORIDA:

VOTED, That A.W.Peterson, who has been assigned to attend the Southern Union Conference session, be authorized to make the trip via Florida, where his sister, Mrs. H.C.Menkell, of India, is seriously ill.

C.C.MORRIS--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to meet medical expense in the case of the son of C.C.Morris, on furlough from China, in accordance with the regular policy for meeting medical expense of missionaries on furlough.

MRS. I.H.EVANS--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to meet medical expense for Mrs. I.H.Evans, in accordance with the regular General Conference policy.

DEATH OF GLENN G. HAMP:

Cable was received from China telling of the death of Glenn G. Hamp, at Peiping, early this morning, from pneumonia. Brother Hamp was in his second term of service in China, having gone to the field early in 1925. It was

VOTED, To instruct the secretary to convey to Mrs. Hamp and other relatives our deepest sympathy with them in this hour of their bereavement and sorrow.

DEATH OF MRS. G.H.RUE:

Word was received of the death of Mrs. Rue, wife of Dr. G.H.Rue, of Korea. It was

VOTED, That the secretary be asked to express to Dr. Rue and the son and daughter, and other relatives, our heartfelt sympathy with them in their bereavement.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.
H.T.ELLIOTT, Secretary.
E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

EIGHTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 15, 1937

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, H.T.Elliott, E.D.Dick, I.H.Evans, W.A.Spicer, F.M. Wilcox, G.W.Wells, M.A.Hollister, J.A.Stevens, Wm. Butler, F.C.Gilbert, W.H.Berghern, H.E.Rogers, R.Ruhling, J.E.Weaver, J.J.Ireland, W.E.Howell, S.A.Wellman, W.P.Elliott, C.L.Bond, C.S.Longacre, M.C.Taft, L.E.Froom.

OTHERS PRESENT:

F.D.Nichol.

Prayer by M.A.Hollister. Minutes of the meetings of February 8 and 11 were approved.

P.T.GIBBS--WASHINGTON MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union Conference and Walla Walla College the call from the Columbia Union for P.T.Gibbs to connect with Washington Missionary College as head of the English Department.

APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That we approve of Dr. H.M.Walton's visiting the following sanitariums en route to and from Washington to attend the Spring Meeting of the Committee: St. Helena, Denver, Boulder, Nevada, Hinsdale, and Orlando.

VOTED, That we approve of Meade MacGuire's responding to the request from the North Pacific Union for his services in Oregon and Idaho during the month of May.

REFORM CALENDAR:

The committee appointed to consider the present situation regarding the reform calendar, and to suggest a plan to meet the issue, submitted a report which was amended and adopted as follows:

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ON THE REFORM CALENDAR

WHEREAS, The question of a reform calendar involving the blank day principle is again being considered by the League of Nations; and,

WHEREAS, There is need of vigorous and coordinated effort to meet the situation effectively,

Resolved, That we hereby express to Dr. Jean Nussbaum, of Paris, France, our appreciation of his helpful activities in meeting the reformed calendar issue in the past and his alertness in keeping in touch with present developments on the matter; that we recognize him as the representative to the League of Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, for the International Religious Liberty Association, whose headquarters are in Washington, D.C., to oppose the proposed changes in the calendar; and

We recommend, 1. That, since in its present stage the reform calendar, if we understand correctly, is to be considered first by the various national governments, the Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference correspond with our various divisions, urging each division committee to see that suitable men are appointed in each country to do their utmost in making contact with the bishops and church leaders of religious organizations, and with the statesmen of their respective governments and with the representatives of their governments to the League of Nations, giving them information concerning the nature of the radical changes proposed in this reform calendar, in an endeavor to secure their cooperation in opposing this proposed calendar change.

2. That in each division a vigorous campaign of public enlightenment regarding the fundamental religious principles involved be carried on in every country so that public sentiment may be awakened and a popular protest made in opposition to any revision of the calendar incorporating the blank day principle, which would destroy the time-honored religious customs of the people.

3. That determined efforts be made to oppose the reform calendar issue in all countries but especially in Great Britain, France, and the United States since if these governments oppose or any one of them opposes, the calendar change, it would in all probability be defeated in the League of Nations.

4. That in contacts with the government representatives of France and Great Britain, their attention be drawn to the disturbing effect the reform calendar will have in the large Mohammedan territories which each of these nations administers.

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5. That A.V.Olson, of the Southern European Division, W.E. Read, of the Northern European Division, and any men who may be in Europe from the General Conference headquarters staff, be a committee for counsel and for coordination of efforts at the League of Nations.

6. That an endeavor be made to present to the President of the United States in person, and also to the Secretary of State, the serious religious issues involved in the proposed calendar change.

7. That the President of the General Conference make a statement in the Review and Herald regarding the new crisis which has arisen with regard to the reform calendar.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.

H.T.ELLIOTT, Secretary.

E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

EIGHTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 18, 1937

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, H.T.Elliott, W.E.Nelson, I.H.Evans, G.W.Wells,
F.C.Gilbert, R.Ruhling, J.A.Stevens, H.E.Rogers, F.M.Wilcox, S.A.Wellman,
C.L.Bond, J.J.Ireland, C.S.Longacre, W.P.Elliott.

OTHERS PRESENT:

T.M.French.

Prayer by J.A.Stevens. Minutes of the meeting of February 15 were approved.

SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION--SPECIAL APPROPRIATION:

The Treasurer called attention to emergency situations in the Southern European Division, which demand special consideration at this time. In Jugoslavia, they are not able to go forward with the building of the chapel and union headquarters office in Belgrade, which is urgently needed and for which funds have already been appropriated, because the lot which they own is too small and the city will not grant the necessary building permit until additional land is purchased. In Spain, decreased income and increased expenses are being experienced in connection with our work as a result of the war situation. An unexpected government assessment against our school in Collonges has brought perplexity there.

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to make a special appropriation of \$10,000 from the Emergency Fund, to the Southern European Division, to be distributed as follows: \$5,000 to the building of the chapel and headquarters office in Belgrade, Jugoslavia; \$3,000 to the work in Spain; and \$2,000 to the Collonges school. C

COMMITTEE ON FLOOD RELIEF:

VOTED, That the chair be asked to appoint a committee to give study to plans for the distribution of the Flood Relief offering that is to be taken in our churches on Sabbath, February 20.

Appointed; H.H.Cobban, chairman; J.A.Stevens, H.T.Elliott, S.A.Wellman, C.L.Bond.

D.E.REINER--CENTRAL UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Canadian Union Conference the call from the Central Union for D.E.Reiner to connect with that union as Home Missionary Secretary.

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MISS G.MARIE BLECKASTAD--PACIFIC UNION OFFICE:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Montana Conference the call from the Pacific Union for Miss G. Marie Bleckastad, for work in the union office at Glendale.

KATHRYN HAYNAL--INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Jathryn Haynal, now in Paris, France, the call from the Inter-American Division to connect with that division as stenographer and assistant in the division office at Balboa.

LUCY ANDRUS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That in view of her condition of health, we approve of the action of the China Division in returning Miss Lucy Andrus to the homeland.

MARY BREWER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That in harmony with her own desire, we authorize the permanent return of Miss Mary Brewer from India.

APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments for General Conference workers:

F.C.Gilbert to the Southern Union, February 26 to March 2.

R.Ruhling to Jersey City for Sabbath, February 27, and to Chicago, March 12 to 14.

S.A.Wellman, in connection with his attendance at the North Pacific Union session, to Vancouver, British Columbia, March 24 to 28.

W.E.Howell to the Central Union session, February 20-21.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.
H.T.ELLIOTT, Secretary.
E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

EIGHTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 22, 1937

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, W.E.Nelson, H.T.Elliott, I.H.Evans, H.H.Cobban, F.M.Wilcox, G.W.Wells, R.Ruhling, J.A.Stevens, Miss Jensen, H.E.Rogers, C.L.Bond, W.H.Bergherm, J.J.Ireland, C.S.Longacre, S.A.Wellman, C.E.Weaks, W.P.Elliott.

OTHERS PRESENT:

H.W.Barrows.

Prayer by J.A.Stevens. Minutes of the meeting of February 18 were approved.

HORACE R.BECKNER RELEASED:

Cable was received from the Southern African Division, canceling their call for Horace R.Beckner, inasmuch as they desire to secure a man qualified for city evangelistic work. It was therefore

VOTED, To release Horace R.Beckner from the call to the Southern African Division.

O.F.SCHWEDRAT--DETROIT

HENRY BERG--CINCINNATI:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the Ohio Conference the call from the Lake Union for O.F.Schwedrat to connect with the Michigan Conference for the pastorate of the German church in Detroit; and to pass on to the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference the call from the Columbia Union for Henry Berg to connect with the Ohio Conference as pastor of the German church in Cincinnati.

APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That we approve of F.C.Gilbert's spending four or five weeks in the Oklahoma Conference, following the Spring Meeting of the Committee.

VOTED, That S.A.Wellman be authorized to go to Wilmington, Delaware, for the week end of February 26-27.

MRS. E.J.KRAFT--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to meet medical expense, in accordance with the regular policy, for Mrs. E.J.Kraft, returned from the Far Eastern Division.

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MRS. B.F.GREGORY--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to meet one half the medical expense of Mrs. B.F.Gregory, on furlough from China.

MRS. E.R.REYNOLDS--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to meet one half the medical expense of Mrs. E.R.Reynolds, under appointment to India.

MISS MABEL HINKHOUSE--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to meet medical expense for Miss Mabel Hinkhouse, of the Ministerial Association office, in accordance with the regular General Conference policy.

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING OVERFLOW--1938:

VOTED, That the Far Eastern Division be the field to benefit by the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow for the second quarter of 1938; the China Division for the third quarter; and the missions of the Central European Division, the fourth quarter.

TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT IN NATIONAL CITY BANK:

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That an account or accounts be opened for and in the name of this Association with the National City Bank of New York, and that the said Bank is hereby authorized to pay or otherwise honor any checks, drafts or other orders issued from time to time for debit to said account or accounts when signed in any manner in the name or on behalf of this Association by W.E.Nelson, Treasurer, and/or W.H.Williams, Undertreasurer, and/or Adolph Dorn, Agent, either in an official capacity, or otherwise, inclusive of any such in favor of any said persons, and that the said account or accounts be reconciled from time to time by said persons, or their designees.

C.E.WEAKS--CENTRAL EUROPE:

VOTED, That in connection with his trip to the Northern European Division, C.E.Weaks be advised to respond to the request to attend a meeting of the colporteur leaders of the union and local fields of Germany, to be held at Darmstadt, March 25 to 29.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.
H.T.ELLIOTT, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

EIGHTY-THIRD MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 23, 1937

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, H.T.Elliott, I.H.Evans, H.H.Cobban, G.W.Wells,
W.H.Bergherm, J.A.Stevens, F.M.Wilcox, R.Ruhling, C.S.Longacre, C.L.Bond,
Miss Jensen, F.C.Gilbert, S.A.Wellman.

OTHERS PRESENT:

H.W.Barrows, T.M.French.

Prayer by C.S.Longacre.

PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF NORTHERN UNION CONFERENCE:

The Committee was called together to consider a telegram received from brethren attending the session of the Central Union Conference at Lincoln, Nebraska. The telegram reported a proposal to reorganize the former Northern Union Conference, which was united with the Central Union in 1932. Request was made for a wire in reply.

After some discussion of the question, it was

VOTED, That the Chairman and Secretary be asked to wire in reply that inasmuch as the Minority Committee lacks adequate information upon which to pass judgment on the advisability of the proposed reorganization, we suggest that the whole matter be held in abeyance until it can be given full consideration at the time of the Spring Meeting of this Committee.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.
H.T.ELLIOTT, Secretary.
E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

EIGHTY-FOURTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 25, 1937

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, H.T.Elliott, W.E.Nelson, I.H.Evans, H.H.Cobban,
G.W.Wells, F.M.Wilcox, R.Ruhling, C.L.Bond, J.A.Stevens, M.A.Hollister,
F.C.Gilbert, Miss Jensen, S.A.Wellman, Wm. Butler, H.E.Rogers, J.J.Ireland,
C.S.Longacre.

OTHERS PRESENT:

H.W.Barrows.

Prayer by C.L.Bond. Minutes of the meeting of February 22 were approved.

E.H.OSWALD--SPRING MEETING:

VOTED, That E.H.Oswald be invited to attend the Spring Meeting.

UNION TREASURERS--SPRING MEETING:

There was some discussion of the desirability of the union treasurers in North America attending the Spring Meeting of the Committee, in view of the fact that the question of the wage scale will be considered at that time.

VOTED, That an invitation be extended to the union conference presidents in North America to arrange for the union treasurers to attend the Spring Meeting, if they deem it advisable.

SYLVIA A. SIMON--AUBURN ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Colorado Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for Miss Sylvia A.Simon, of Campion Academy, to connect with the Auburn Academy, in Washington, as matron.

FAE COWIN--LAURELWOOD ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Iowa Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for Miss Fae Cowin, of the Oak Park Academy, to connect with the Laurelwood Academy, in Oregon, as preceptress.

J.BERGER JOHNSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That we authorize the permanent return of J.Berger Johnson from Brazil, in harmony with his own desire in view of family conditions.

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CENTRAL EUROPEAN DIVISION
PROVISIONAL WORKING POLICY:

A provisional working policy for the Central European Division was presented and being amended was adopted as follows:

In recognizing the existence in parts of the Central European Division of unusual conditions, which create a crisis in our work and over which our brethren have no control, and for which they are in no way responsible, and further recognizing that there is thus created an urgent situation calling for the adoption of a special working policy to meet these conditions, the General Conference hereby adopts as the provisions or terms of such a working policy the following considerations:

1. The General Conference will maintain in Basel or some other territory outside of Germany a branch of its main office, from which the work of administering that part of the Central European Division outside of Germany will be carried on.

2. The General Conference will maintain in charge of this office an Assistant Treasurer who will disburse, in accordance with the actions of the Division Committee, such funds as the General Conference shall be able to provide to assist in maintaining the work in the European and mission territory of the Central European Division. This Assistant Treasurer will also serve as an Auditor for the General Conference in all fields where directed by the General Conference Committee.

3. This Assistant Treasurer will work under the direction of the General Conference Committee and in consultation with the officers of the Central European Division.

4. The salary and traveling expense of the General Conference Assistant Treasurer and the expense of this General Conference office shall be met by the General Conference and not be deducted from the funds advanced by the General Conference for the support of the Central European Division fields outside of Germany.

5. The General Conference Assistant Treasurer shall be recognized as a member of the Central European Division Committee. All Division Committee actions dealing with the use of funds, appropriations to the fields, addition of new workers, etc., for fields outside of Germany, are to be taken with the General Conference Assistant Treasurer present.

6. That for the purpose of administering the work in these fields we approve of two administrative officers, namely, the President and Secretary of the Central European Division, in addition to the Assistant Treasurer of the General Conference, residing in Basel; and that the salaries and expense of these Division officers, with necessary office expense, be a part of the general budget for the expenditure of the General Conference funds advanced for the support of this field.

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7. The provisions of the General Conference working policy relating to the operation of union and local mission fields will be followed in the administration of the Central European Division fields outside of Germany.

8. The Advent Mission Society in Germany will continue to function in all respects as in the past. We recommend that the Treasurer of the Division give special attention to this organization in promoting the interests of missions, caring for mission funds, looking after the welfare of missionaries on furlough, sustentation workers, etc., and in acting as Treasurer of the Society.

9. The Inter-German Union Association will continue to function, and represent the denomination in all its work and activities in Germany. All its records and accounting to be kept separate and distinct from all other organizations.

CENTRAL EUROPEAN DIVISION--BUDGET:

VOTED, That we approve of the following budget for 1937, which has been worked out by the brethren in the Basel office:

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| Czechoslovakian Union Conference | Kc. | 425 987.00 | \$17 746.62 |
| Hungarian Union Mission | Pgo | 71 000.00 | 20 696.50 |
| Austrian Conference | Sch | 22 000.00 | 4 111.80 |
| Netherlands Conference | Fl | 5 500.00 | 3 025.00 |
| Arabic Union Mission | | | 23 868.43 |
| Palestine | £Pal | 2 273.591 | |
| Egypt | £Eg | 1 731.226 | |
| Syria | £ | 2 969.37 | |
| Iraq | Din | 280.600 | |
| Netherlands East Indies | Fl | 90 658.40 | 49 862.12 |
| Bulgarian Mission | Leva | 575 698.00 | 6 931.40 |
| Grecian Mission | Dra | 188 300.00 | 1 775.67 |
| Turkish Mission | Ltq | 4 673.00 | 3 738.40 |
| Iran Mission | Rials | 260 500.00 | 16 698.05 |
| Tanganyika | Sh | 93 416.00 | 22 746.80 |
| | | | <u>171 200.79</u> |
| 15% Comeback to Czechoslovakia and Hungary | | | 4 532.05 |
| Harvest Ingathering Material | | | 9 000.00 |
| Sabbath School Department | | | 400.00 |
| Week of Prayer Readings | | | 2 000.00 |
| Missionaries on Furlough | | | 3 400.00 |
| Sustentation Beneficiaries | | | 7 371.00 |
| | | | <u>197 903.84</u> |
| Less: Tithe and Offerings in Mission Fields | | | <u>73 691.07</u> |
| Total for Mission Fields | | | 124 212.77 |
| Salary and expense two Division Officers, stenographer and office expense | | | <u>6 014.42</u> |
| Total | | | \$130 227.19 |

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W. MUELLER--ADVENT MISSION SOCIETY:

VOTED, That we grant authorization for W.Mueller to serve as Field Secretary of the Advent Mission Society, in Germany.

W.MUELLER--APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That we accede to the request of the Central European Division for W.Mueller to render some assistance in the Hamburg Publishing House; and that we approve of his attending local conference meetings in the East German Union.

F.L.PETERSON--PHILADELPHIA:

VOTED, That F.L.Peterson be authorized to meet with the Philadelphia colored church on Sabbath, March 6.

M.A.HOLLISTER--BATTLE CREEK:

VOTED, That M.A.Hollister be authorized to go to Battle Creek, to attend a meeting of a legal association of which he is the chairman, the meeting being held in connection with the Lake Union Conference session.

S.S.MISSIONS QUARTERLY--UKRAINIAN AND RUSSIAN LANGUAGES:

VOTED, That we accede to the request of the Southern European Division to be allowed to print the Sabbath School Missions Quarterly in the Ukrainian and Russian languages.

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS:

VOTED, That the following appropriations be made from the Emergency Fund of 1937, to meet requests for emergency appropriations submitted at the time of the Autumn Council and not acted upon at that time:

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| Canadian Union: | | | |
| Alberta | \$1 500 | | |
| Manitoba-Saskatchewan | 1 500 | | |
| Maritime | 750 | | |
| Ontario-Quebec | <u>2 000</u> | 5 750 | |
| Central Union: | | | |
| North Dakota | 5 000 | | |
| South Dakota | 2 000 | | |
| Wyoming | <u>1 000</u> | 8 000 | |
| North Pacific Union: | | | |
| Walla Walla College | 8 000 | | |
| Columbia Academy (fire loss) | <u>1 000</u> | 9 000 | |
| Southwestern Union: | | | |
| Union operating | 2 000 | | |
| Oklahoma | <u>3 000</u> | <u>5 000</u> | |
| | | 27 750 | |

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HUNGARIAN UNION MISSION
EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to appropriate up to \$5,000 from the Emergency Fund, to meet an emergency situation in the Hungarian Union Mission, of the Central European Division.

MRS. T.A.SHAW--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to meet medical expense for Mrs. T.A.Shaw, on furlough from China, in accordance with the regular policy regarding medical expense of workers on furlough.

MRS. L.J.BORROWDALE--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to meet medical expense in the case of Mrs. L.J.Borrowdale in accordance with the policy pertaining to the medical expense of missionaries on furlough, and that in view of her serious condition and the prospect of recovery through treatment by a specialist in Los Angeles, the expense allowed include the transportation of herself and husband to Los Angeles and return to Ohio.

COLUMBIA ACADEMY:

Request was presented from the North Pacific Union on behalf of the Columbia Academy, in Oregon, whose central building was destroyed by fire some time ago. They desire to replace this with a building 60 X 100 feet, at an approximate cost of \$10,350. The local and union conferences have approved. The board and the conference committees give assurance that building operations will go forward only as the funds are received and available.

VOTED, That we approve of the plans for the construction of the new building for Columbia Academy on the basis outlined, with the understanding that no indebtedness will be incurred.

SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION
ASSISTANCE ON TRANSPORTATION:

The calls made at the time of the General Conference session, for J.I.Robison and L.A.Vixie of the Southern African Division, to the Northern European Division staff, together with the movement of other workers, has made an unusual drain upon the finances of the Southern African Division. In the adjustments made to replace the families called from the field, the Division is asking for an appropriation to cover the transportation of I.H.Harrison, called from North America to the Zambesi Union to replace J.I.Robison, and to cover the moving expenses of F.G.Clifford from Rhodesia to the South African Union, to replace L.A.Vixie. It was

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VOTED, To grant the appropriation to cover the transportation of I.H.Harrison to the Zambesi Union, but that the Southern African Division be requested to provide for the moving expenses of F.G.Clifford from one part of the Division field to the other.

SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION
ADDITION TO STAFF:

The Southern European Division is working under a very limited staff. Their work is rapidly spreading and has many perplexing problems which makes necessary the presence of Division men in the field. The men are not standing the strain of the work, and some of them are breaking in health. The Division has appealed that another man be added to their staff.

VOTED, That we favor granting the request of the Southern European Division for an additional member of their Division staff, and that provision be made for additional financial aid to make this possible.

The Division has called H.F.Brown to the field as Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Secretary, and is endeavoring to secure another man, to serve as Field Secretary of the Division, which place has recently been made vacant.

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to meet the transportation of H.F.Brown to the Southern European Division, and his salary to December 31, 1936; and that consideration be given to further help when a Field Secretary is secured.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.
H.T.ELLIOTT, Secretary.
E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

EIGHTY-FIFTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 1, 1937

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, W.G.Turner, H.T.Elliott, E.D.Dick, W.E.Nelson, H.H.Cobban, I.H.Evans, W.A.Spicer, W.E.Howell, G.W.Wells, J.C.Thompson, L.E.Froom, Wm. Butler, J.A.Stevens, Steen Rasmussen, J.J.Strahle, J.E.Weaver, C.S.Longacre, C.E.Weaks, W.H.Teesdale, S.A.Wellman, W.P.Elliott, F.M.Wilcox.

OTHERS PRESENT:

T.M.French, H.W.Barrows, W.L.Burgan.

Prayer by I.H.Evans. Minutes of meetings held February 23 and 25 were approved.

APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments for General Conference workers:

S.A.Wellman to Philadelphia for Sabbath, March 6.

H.H.Votaw to Philadelphia for Sabbath, March 13.

F.C.Gilbert to New York City for the week end of March 5-7.

F.L.Peterson to the Philadelphia colored church for Sabbath, March 6.

RELEASED FROM UNION CONFERENCE SESSIONS:

VOTED, That M.N.Campbell be released from attending the Canadian Union Conference session.

VOTED, That W.E.Nelson be released from attending the North Pacific Union session.

B.M.PRESTON--SOUTHERN UNION:

VOTED, That we approve of the call made by the Southern Union Conference in session, for B.M.Preston of the Atlantic Union, to connect with the Southern Union as Home Missionary Secretary.

LAKE UNION CALLS:

VOTED, That we approve of calls made by the Lake Union Conference in session as follows:

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For J.J.Nethery, of Colorado, to take the presidency of the union.

For E.W.Dunbar, of the Pacific Union, to connect with the Lake Union as Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

DR. A.E.COYNE--GLENDALE SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the White Memorial Hospital the call from the Pacific Union Conference for Dr. A.E.Coyne to connect with the Glendale Sanitarium as medical director.

DR. D.H.KRESS--GLENDALE SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Washington Sanitarium the call from the Pacific Union for Dr. D.H.Kress to connect with the staff of the Glendale Sanitarium. It is understood that Dr. Laretta Kress is also being invited to connect with the Glendale Sanitarium.

RADIO AND TRANSCRIPTION RECORD EXPENSE:

A statement of the radio and transcription record income and expense was brought before the Committee for consideration in connection with the disposition of these accounts for 1936. It was stated that, while the Committee had authorized the advance of funds for this work to the extent of \$5,000, no appropriation has been definitely granted, aside from authorization for meeting the salary of two stenographers. In discussing the matter, it was agreed that a reasonable inventory value should be set up to cover supplies on hand, such as printed promotion material, etc. After some discussion, it was

VOTED, That the amount of expense in excess of income in connection with carrying on the radio work to the close of 1936, or a net deficit of \$8,263.74 still unprovided for, be written off as 1936 expense.

MRS. W.E.EBERHARDT--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to meet medical expense for Mrs. W.E.Eberhardt, returned from China, in accordance with the regular policy for meeting such expense.

G.F.ENOCH--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to meet medical expense in accordance with the regular policy, in the case of G.F.Enoch, returned from India.

DENTAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to allow dental expense, according to the policy, in the case of the following workers:

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W.J.Harris and family, on furlough from China.

G.F.Enoch, returned from India.

U.Wissner, on furlough from South America.

H.A.Morrison, Grace Thrall, Mrs. J.W.Mace, Misses Minnie and Mintie Truitt and G.W.Wells, of the General Conference office.

J.L.BROWN--DENTAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to allow \$50.00 on dental expense to J.L.Brown, furlough worker from South America.

DR. H.G.HEBARD--FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to apply the policy pertaining to financial assistance for missionary appointees, in the case of Dr. H.G.Hebard, under appointment to India.

FUNERAL EXPENSES OF SUSTENTATION BENEFICIARIES:

VOTED, That the Treasurer Department be authorized to deal with requests that may come between meetings of the Sustentation Committee, and which ought not to be deferred, for allowance on funeral expenses of sustentation beneficiaries, it being understood that the Treasury will report to the Sustentation Committee the amount of the allowance made.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.

H.T.ELLIOTT, Secretary.

E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

EIGHTY-SIXTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 4, 1937

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, W.G.Turner, H.T.Elliott, E.D.Dick, W.E.Nelson, H.H.Cobban
W.A.Spicer, G.W.Wells, M.A.Hollister, C.E.Weaks, J.A.Stevens, R.Ruhling, L.E.
Froom, J.E.Weaver, J.C.Thompson, S.A.Wellman, F.C.Gilbert, W.H.Bergherm, Steen
Rasmussen, Wm. Butler, J.J.Ireland, C.S.Lcngacre, H.H.Votaw, W.H.Teesdale, J.J.
Strahle, F.L.Peterson, W.P.Elliott, M.C.Taft.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, H.W.Barrows, W.L.Burgan, F.D.Nichol.

Prayer by C.E.Weaks.

B.E.WAGNER--LAKE UNION:

VOTED, That we approve of the call made by the Lake Union Conference in session, for B.E.Wagner of the Southwestern Union, to connect with the Lake Union as field missionary secretary.

P.T.GIBBS--UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union Conference and Walla Walla College the call from the Central Union for P.T.Gibbs to connect with the English Department of Union College.

APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments for General Conference workers:

M.N.Campbell and W.E.Nelson to attend constituency meetings on the Pacific Coast.

F.L.Peterson to Richmond, Virginia, for the week end of March 12-13.

Wm. Butler to conduct the Spring Week of Prayer at Mt. Vernon Academy.

W.E.Howell to New York City.

Steen Rasmussen to conduct the Spring Week of Prayer at the Capital Memorial Church.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY REPRESENTATIVE TO OHIO:

VOTED, That if they find it possible to do so, the Religious Liberty Department be authorized to arrange for one of the secretaries to respond to the call to Ohio, to assist in the campaign of opposition to threatened legislation that would provide government funds for the support of church schools;

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and further, that the Department be authorized to publish a second leaflet for use in this campaign, on the basis of the General Conference sharing equally with the Columbia Union and the Ohio Conference in meeting the cost of the leaflet.

ELDER AND MRS. R.P.ABEL--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That Elder and Mrs. R.P.Abel be granted an extension of three months on their furlough, or until July 10, 1937, to give time for Mrs. Abel to more fully build up her health before returning to Siam.

OLIVE CADY RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Miss Olive Cady from the appointment to China, on account of unfavorable medical report.

DELLER LEE RICE--CHINA:

VOTED, To request the Central Union and the Nebraska Conference to secure the release of Miss Deller Lee Rice, of Shelton Academy, to connect with the China Division as matron for the Far Eastern Academy in Shanghai.

C.A.RANDOLPH--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Southern Asia Division Committee, to authorize the permanent return of C.A.Randolph from India.

MISSIONS EXTENSION FUND OVERFLOW:

A committee that was appointed to give study to the interpretation of the Autumn Council action relative to the Missions Extension Fund for 1937, made the following recommendation, which was adopted:

We recommend, That the appeal for \$500 from the Nigerian Union Mission be promoted as one of the projects to receive help from the Extension Fund overflow; and that the maximum overflow for special projects outside the budget be fixed at \$5,500, it being understood that anything above this amount shall remain with the Treasury for general mission work.

E.J.KRAFT--SALARY:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to continue salary to E.J.Kraft, returned from the Far Eastern Division, to June 30, 1937.

L.B.MERSHON--SALARY:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to continue salary to L.B.Mershon, returned from the Far Eastern Division, to April 30, 1937.

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J B CARTER--SALARY:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to continue salary to J.B.Carter, on furlough from India, to April 30, 1937.

FRIEDA CLARK--NEW JERSEY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference the call from the Columbia Union for Miss Frieda Clark to connect with the work in the New Jersey Conference as magazine leader.

REQUEST OF EMMANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

Consideration was given to the request of Emmanuel Missionary College for the modification of their plan for the liquidation of the loan of \$25,000, \$16,000 for a sprinkler system and \$9,000 for a power and light plant, which was authorized by our action, April 29, 1935.

It appears that the sprinkler system cost \$27,500, and the College did not install the power and light plant. It also appears that there is less saving on insurance cost and a greater cost in maintenance, than was anticipated. The plan previously submitted provided for the retirement of the loan through saving in four or five years. The present request provides that the College set aside \$250 each month until the entire loan is repaid.

VOTED, That we recognize the problem confronting Emmanuel Missionary College, and in view of the circumstances we consent to the plan suggested of setting aside a minimum of \$250 a month on the indebtedness incurred through the purchase of the sprinkler system until the total amount is fully met, it appearing that this amount is approximately the saving effected by its installation.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.
H.T.ELLIOTT, Secretary.
E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.