

AUTUMN COUNCIL
OF THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Michigan, October 21 - 29, 1941

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AUTUMN COUNCIL

Battle Creek, Michigan, October 21 - 29, 1941

FORTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 21, 1941, 7:30 P.M.

The Autumn Council of 1941 convened in Battle Creek, Michigan, the meetings of the Council being held in the Battle Creek Tabernacle. "O Worship the King," was sung to open the first meeting, at 7:30 Tuesday evening, October 21, and prayer was offered by O. Montgomery.

PRESENT:

In addition to the members of the General Conference Committee who are resident in North America, there were present also the local conference presidents, the union treasurers and auditors, the union Negro secretaries, college presidents, publishing house and sanitarium representatives, and the following workers connected with the overseas divisions, including a number who have recently been connected with these divisions:

China: O.A. Hall, M.D. Howard, A.N. Nelson, L.E. Reed, V.J. Maloney, M.E. Loewen, K.H. Wood.

Far East: V.T. Armstrong, C.L. Torrey, G.A. Campbell, F.A. Mote, E.N. Lugenbeal, Ralph Watts.

Inter-America: Glenn Calkins, W.C. Raley, G.A. Roberts, E.E. Andross, W.A. Bergherm, W.E. Murray, C.P. Crager, L.V. Finster, A.R. Ogden, G.C. Nickle.

Northern Europe: Paul Knudsen, G.E. Nord.

South America: Leon Replogle, A.C. Harder, J.H. Boehm.

Southern Africa: N.C. Wilson.

Southern Asia: A.E. Nelson.

MESSAGES OF GREETING:

E.D. Dick, the Secretary, after reading messages of greeting to the Council from South America and Africa, referred to the leaders of the various divisions who cannot be with us, whose minds no doubt are turned toward this place at this time, and it was

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VOTED, To send greetings from the Council to the following workers, with assurances that our thoughts are with them, and our prayers for them as they endeavor to hold the lines and plan for the advancement of the work in their respective fields in these perplexing times:

C.H.Watson, of the Australasian Division.

A.Minck, of the Central European Division.

N.F.Brewer, of China.

W.P.Bradley, Acting Chairman in the Far Eastern Division.

W.E.Read, of Northern Europe.

R.R.Figuhr, of South America.

C.W.Bozarth, Acting Chairman in the Southern African Division.

G.G.Lowry, of the Southern Asia Division.

A.V.Olson, of the Southern European Division.

VOTED, also, to send greetings to G.A.Lindsay, of Sweden, Herbert Hanson, of Ethiopia, George Keough of the Arabic Union, Dr. H.E.Hargreaves of Iran, F.F.Oster of Turkey, and the leaders of our work in Greece and Bulgaria.

Reference was also made to workers who have met with us in Councils through the years, but who are now in ill health, special mention being made of I.H.Evans, J.L.Shaw, and J.E.Fulton, and it was

VOTED, To send greetings from the Council to these workers.

MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE:

The Secretary reported that the sad news had been received of the death of T.H.Allison, of Chicago, and of S.W.Munro, of the Northern California Conference.

RESOLVED, That we hereby record our sense of loss through the passing of these our fellow workers, and that the Secretary be asked to convey to the bereaved families of T.H.Allison and S.W.Munro our deepest sympathy with them in this hour of sorrow.

OPENING ADDRESS:

J.L.McElhany, addressing the Council, referred to the present troubled condition of the world, which instead of improving seems to be steadily growing worse. He spoke of the element of uncertainty that exists, with anxiety on every hand, and men trying to foresee what the future has in store. This

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element of uncertainty is an outstanding characteristic of the times. In contrast he emphasized the fact that there is no uncertainty about God's Word, the meaning of God's Word, and the fulfillment of that Word. There is no uncertainty about the fact that we are living in the day of the coming of the Lord. The unfolding of events day by day should bring rejoicing to every Seventh-day Adventist even amidst the sorrows in the world about us, for these things should bring to us more and more the consciousness of the fact that the coming of the Lord draweth near.

There is no uncertainty, either, we were reminded, about God's leadership of this movement. When the hour came for God's word to be fulfilled, this movement sprang up. When the hour came for the message of Christ's coming to be proclaimed to the world, this movement came into existence to proclaim that message. That work of proclaiming the coming of Christ is not yet finished. The responsibility of that work rests upon us, under God's leadership. And it is not enough to preach the coming of Christ; it is time to preach the soon coming, the sudden, unexpected coming of Christ.

Not only to the world is this message to be preached, but to the church as well. When in Matt. 24:44, Jesus said, "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh," he was not speaking to the unbelieving world, but to His own disciples. This is emphasized also in Mark 13:25,26: "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh: lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping." It is a startling fact that in the very hour when the greatest evidences of the soon coming of Christ are appearing, some are lapsing into an attitude of indifference.

Elder McElhany directed attention to the third chapter of Second Peter, where we are told that in the last days there shall come scoffers who will say, "Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." But "the Lord is not slack concerning His promise,"--the promise of His coming, "but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Peter concludes with the question, "Seeing that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God?"

I believe, said Elder McElhany, the time has come when we ought to have a consuming zeal for God and for His truth and His Word. I believe the time has come when we ought to break with the world, when there ought to be a clear-cut distinction between the church of God and the people of the world, so that there need be no difficulty in identifying the people of God. I believe that distinction ought to be manifest in the kind of lives we live.

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Speaking directly to the ministry he said, We should take heed to what we preach and how we preach. We should not try to copy the methods of the world in our preaching, but we should from our pulpits ring out to the world the fact that the Lord Jesus is coming, and that He is coming soon.

"Heir of the Kingdom" was sung to close, and the benediction was pronounced by E.E.Andross.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.
E.D.Dick, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FORTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 22, 1941, 9:45 A.M.

The devotional service Wednesday morning, October 22, was led by F.M.Wilcox, whose talk was a call to a deepening of the devotional life. He said in part:

One of the greatest dangers we face is the danger of forgetting the Lord, of backsliding in His service even while working for Him. It is the danger of profession without possession, of holding to the form of Christianity, but lacking its vivifying, inspirational power.

Christ calls His children to a deeper experience, to a closer fellowship, to a life of victorious living. No man can obtain the victory over sin until he comes to hate sin, to loathe and abhor that which caused the death of his divine Saviour. It is declared of Christ, "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity." Every disciple of Christ should pray for this same love of righteousness and hatred of iniquity. We are told by the messenger of the Lord that "when a man is converted to God, a new moral taste is created; and he loves the things that God loves." This transformation and growth in spiritual life will lead to the experience described by the apostle John when he said, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin: for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."

How may this experience be reached? By three avenues; namely, daily consecration, daily feeding on the Word of God, frequent communing with the Lord Jesus.

1. Consecration. We are told by the Master: "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." Also in the Spirit of prophecy:

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"Consecrate yourself to God in the morning; make this your very first work."

2. Study of the Word of God. We need to come daily to the Word of God to obtain spiritual food and nourishment for our souls. Our study of the Word should be more than a superficial reading of the text. We should dig deep as for hidden treasure, comparing spiritual things with spiritual, seeking the divine guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth.

3. Prayer. Aided to the experience of Bible study is the exercise of daily prayer, of earnest, persistent prayer, of frequent seasons when the soul is closeted with Christ, when the disciple talks intimately with Christ as his nearest and dearest Friend. It was thus that Christ lived and labored and communed with God. In every place and under every circumstance the soul can find sanctuary with God; but every worker should set apart some definite period of every day when, in private devotion, he can shut himself in with the Lord and hold undisturbed communion with Him.

One writer has said, "What the church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use, men of prayer men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods but through men. We cannot count on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans but men--men of prayer."

At the conclusion of the service, special prayer was offered in behalf of Mrs. C.B.Haynes, who is ill at the Sanitarium.

W.H.Branson, the Chairman, read part of the fortieth chapter of Isaiah, as the Council convened for the second business session, and N.C.Wilson, of the Southern African Division, offered prayer.

DAILY PROGRAM:

The following Daily Program for the Council was adopted:

Devotional	8:30 -- 9:30 A.M.
Council	9:45 -- 12:00
Union and Local Conference	
Committees and Boards	1:15 -- 2:15 P.M.
Committees or Council Session	2:30 -- 6:00
Committees or Council Session	7:30 -- 9.00

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STANDING COMMITTEES:

Nominations of Standing Committees were presented, as made by the Minority Committee, and these committees were appointed as follows:

Platform Committee:

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C.M. Bunker

M.G. Conger

Music Directors:

L.K. Dickson

J.L. McConaughey

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Distribution of Materials:

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Committee on Plans (Continued)

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L.K. Dickson		

Suggestion was made that any names that should be added to these committees be handed to the Secretaries. (Names thus submitted were added to the committees as herein listed.)

STATISTICAL REPORT:

The Statistical Report for 1940 was rendered by Claude Conard, the Statistical Secretary. The report is in print, so we give but a brief summary here.

During 1940 the records show that Seventh-day Adventists were working in 824 languages and dialects in 412 countries and island groups. This work was administered in 205 union and local conferences, 194 regularly-organized mission fields, and 8,924 churches. The world membership passed the half million mark in 1940 and stood at 504,752 at the end of the year. The 1940 advance in church membership of 18,082 was one of the six largest yearly increases in the history of the denomination; although the percentage growth of 3.7 over 1939 was the sixth from the lowest annual percentage gain since 1910.

There were 13,579 laborers engaged in evangelistic endeavors in 1940, and 16,237 more workers in school, sanitarium publishing house and other institutional work. Of these 29,816 workers, 11,426 were in North America, and 18,390 in other division fields. The increase in the number of workers over 1939 was 916, or 3.2%.

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The total number of institutions in the world field was 521 in 1940, including schools above the elementary grades, sanitariums, hospitals and dispensaries, publishing houses, and food factories. The investment value of these institutions was \$24,491,406.26; and the entire asset valuations of all denominational properties including churches in 1940 was \$64,704,751.82.

During 1940, total funds contributed to the work of Seventh-day Adventists were the largest in their history, amounting to \$14,226,329.58. This sum is an increase of \$726,356.48 above 1939, or 5.4%. Of the \$14,226,329.58, \$8,071,653.75, or 56.7% was tithes; \$3,827,536.59 - 26.9% - mission donations; and \$2,327,139.24 - 16.4% - home offerings. Almost 70% (69.7%) of all the funds received in 1940 came from North America, and 30.3% from other divisions.

In 1940, 14,817 Sabbath schools were operating around the world, with 618,507 members. The Sabbath school offerings in 1940 were \$1,765,277.38, or \$47,072.45 more than in 1939; and represented 46.1% of the entire world contributions for missions.

The 1940 Missionary Volunteer membership was 148,698, comprising 6,622 societies, with annual contributions of \$144,693.70; an average of 97 cents per member for the year.

There were 2,626 elementary and mission schools in 1940 in the world field, with an enrollment of 91,594 pupils. The number of teachers employed were 3,753. The enrollment represented 181 elementary and mission pupils for every 1,000 church members for the entire world. In North America alone the proportion was 101 elementary pupils for each 1,000 of church membership. Students above the elementary grades numbered 19,185, of which 14,165 were in the academies and colleges of North America, and 5,020 in other divisions. For every 1,000 church members, 16 students were in secondary and advanced schools in foreign divisions, and 76 in the North American field.

Printing and the disposal of Seventh-day Adventist literature was being carried on from 83 publishing centers, employing 1,255 workers. 3,062 colporteurs were engaged in literature distribution, of which 960 were in North America, and 2,102 outside of this country. Book and periodical sales in 1940 amounted to \$4,324,906.93.

One hundred fifty-eight sanitariums, hospitals, dispensaries and treatment rooms were reported in operation, caring for 730,937 patients. There were 2,758 doctors and nurses connected with these institutions, together with 3,426 other workers, making total employees engaged in organized medical work, 6,184. In addition to the care of regular patients, \$418,711.71 of charity work was done.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Claude Conard, the Statistical Secretary, presented the Financial Statement for the year ending December 31, 1940, showing assets and liabilities of all the organizations and institutions connected with the denomination. Assets reported in 1940 amounting to \$52,031,415.02 were an increase of \$2,347,292.26 (4.72%) over the assets of 1939. Liabilities were \$14,783,101.16 an advance of \$235,364.49 (1.62%) over the previous year. The sum of the net worth or capital of all organizations was \$37,248,313.86, which was \$2,111,927.77 more than in 1939. This represents a growth in net worth of 6.01%. The total income was \$44,692,733.20; expenditures, \$42,580,845.43.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer presented the Operating Statement of Income and Expenditures and the Balance Sheet of the General Conference for the eight months ending August 31, 1941, as follows:

[See four pages following]

Following the presentation of the Treasurer's report, R.G. Strickland of the Home Missionary Department read a telegram from the home office, reporting Harvest Ingathering receipts to date in North America of \$1,009,424.76. This is the first time the million dollar mark has been reached in the Ingathering Campaign in North America.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
OPERATING STATEMENT
For Eight Months Ending August 31, 1941

INCOME

TITHE

North America:

Union Conferences	41 906 08		
Per Cent of Tithe	699 121 35		
Miscellaneous	<u>8 600 25</u>		749 627 68

Overseas:

European Tithe of Tithe	498 95		
European Per Cent of Tithe	10 464 73		
Other Divisions	<u>4 734 09</u>		<u>15 697 77</u>

Total Tithe

765 325 45

MISSION OFFERINGS

North America:

Forty-Cents-a-Week Fund	1 781 622 07		
Miscellaneous Missions	<u>45 565 26</u>		1 827 187 33

Overseas:

European Misc. Missions	42 084 45		
Other Divisions	<u>141 585 56</u>		<u>183 670 01</u>

Total Missions

2 010 857 34

MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

Dividends and Interest	27 277 59		
Exchange Gains (net)	23 696 19		
Surplus Tithe	22 000 00		
Reclaimed Funds	277 91		
Specific Mission Offerings	12 112 12		
Royalties	<u>207 14</u>		85 570 95

Revertible Missions

357 118 13

Total Miscellaneous

442 689 08

TOTAL INCOME

3 218 871 87

EXPENDITURES (See Next Page)

Total Expenditures

3 079 110 90

Income Exceeds Expense

139 760 97

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE

Salary and Expense of Depts.	179 186 15	
Transportation Agents' Expense	8 481 96	
Maintenance and General Expense	<u>12 971 84</u>	200 639 95

APPROPRIATIONS

Overseas Regular Base Approp.	1 408 582 00	
Home Regular Base Approp.	159 794 16	
Special Approp. -- Overseas	130 938 64	
Special Approp. -- Home	<u>16 000 00</u>	1 715 314 80

MISC. AND FIXED APPROPRIATIONS

Emergency Appropriations:		
Overseas	54 700 13	
Home	38 250 71	
Sick Benefit	5 682 10	
13th Sabbath Overflow Provision	19 000 00	
Harvest Ingathering Exp. Provision	53 333 36	
Missions Promotion Exp. Provision	4 666 64	
Appointees' Expense	1 313 51	
Retired Workers' Exp. and Salary	4 105 63	
Overseas Specific Mission Offerings	12 112 12	
Sustentation Appropriation	42 332 03	
Specific and Fixed Appropriations	<u>16 592 54</u>	252 088 77

APPROPRIATIONS BY REVERSION

Institutional Comeback	342 950 57	
Alaska & Hawaii by Reversion	16 983 66	
Harvest Ingathering Overflow Prov.	<u>188 429 43</u>	
Total Home Reversions	548 363 66	
Spring in Tithes and Offerings	5 585 59	
Overseas Missions by Reversion	<u>357 118 13</u>	<u>911 067 38</u>
		<u>2 878 470 95</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

3 079 110 90

CONDENSED COMPARATIVE STATEMENT
FOR EIGHT MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 31 OF EACH YEAR
AS INDICATED

	<u>1936</u>	<u>1940</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>Incr. or Decr.* 1941 over 1940</u>
<u>INCOME</u>				
Tithe	436 269 39	605 336 86	765 325 45	159 988 59
Mission Offerings	1 169 401 21	1 646 973 92	2 010 857 34	363 883 42
Misc. Income	<u>420 184 56</u>	<u>578 897 27</u>	<u>442 689 08</u>	<u>136 208 29*</u>
Total Income	2 025 855 16	2 831 208 05	3 218 871 87	387 663 82
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Administrative Expense	191 676 88	189 574 11	200 639 95	11 065 84
Appropriations	<u>2 005 924 40</u>	<u>2 601 292 56</u>	<u>2 878 470 95</u>	<u>277 178 29</u>
Total Expense	2 197 601 28	2 790 866 67	3 079 110 90	288 244 23
Expense Exceeds Income	171 746 12			
Income Exceeds Expense				
1940 & 1941		40 341 38	139 760 97	
Net Improvement 1941 over 1940				99 419 59

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
BALANCE SHEET
August 31, 1941

ASSETS

Cash and Banks		2 503 512 75
Securities		1 492 488 49
<u>Accounts Receivable</u>		
Divisions	166,430 39	
Publishing Houses	37 363 94	
Transportation Agencies	9 891 16	
Personal Accounts	13 407 49	
Miscellaneous	<u>39 573 97</u>	266 666 95
Inventories--Supplies and Misc.		17 364 28
Library	4 863 36	
Less Reserve	<u>3 248 06</u>	<u>1 615 30</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		4 281 647 77

LIABILITIES

<u>Accounts Payable</u>		
Divisions	87 646 82	
Publishing	3 827 56	
Personal Accounts	49 153 15	
Miscellaneous	<u>35 488 30</u>	176 115 83
Trust Funds	982 695 30	
Unexpired Subscriptions	2 864 22	
Exchange Reserve	114 039 50	
Accrued Expense Reserves	<u>244 231 20</u>	<u>1 343 830 22</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1 519 946 05

SURPLUS

Surplus January 1, 1941	2 621 940 75	
Increase--Eight Months	<u>139 760 97</u>	
Total Surplus		<u>2 761 701 72</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

4 281 674 77

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FINANCIAL SUMMARIES OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

Financial Summaries of Educational Institutions in North America were presented in printed form, by Claude Conard. Four senior colleges, three junior colleges, and eight academies --fifteen institutions out of a total of forty-nine -- reported operating gains in the 1940-41 school year without any outside assistance. The total net loss of all the schools was less than \$50,000, which is less than half of what it was the year previous. This is by far the best showing the schools have ever made. Taken as a group, with their connected industries, the senior and junior colleges actually recorded a gain of \$32,000 without subsidies or appropriations. College and secondary school assets have increased during 1940-41, \$469,872.63 - 6.3% -which is the largest annual growth ever reported for the educational institutions. Total school resources in June, 1941, were \$7,936,435.26. The reduction in indebtedness of \$100,813.06 in 1941 brings the school liabilities to within \$96,139.62 of the 1930 level, which was the lowest that has been reached since 1919.

SANITARIUMS AND HOSPITALS IN NORTH AMERICA:

Financial and operating summaries of the Seventh-day Adventist sanitariums and hospitals in North America were also distributed. At the close of 1940 these institutions reported assets of \$7,016,795.19; liabilities, \$1,669,849.63, and net worth, \$5,346,945.56. In August, 1941, the assets were \$7,297,094.72; liabilities, \$1,609,898.38; and net worth, \$5,687,196.34.

In 1925 the sanitarium interest-bearing indebtedness was \$2,267,916.95. Up to August, 1941, this class of obligations had been reduced \$1,467,239.71; and stood at \$800,677.24.

The operating gain of the fourteen institutions for the year 1940 was \$210,752.35; and for the eight months of 1941 to August, an additional \$215,759.19. The month of August alone recorded an aggregate gain of \$42,325.48. These results for the year 1940, for the eight months in 1941, and for the single month of August, were the largest gains reported for corresponding periods since sanitarium summaries have been kept.

Adjourned to 9:45 Thursday morning, October 23, with the closing prayer by O.A.Hall of the China Division.

W.H.Branson, Chairman.
E.D.Dick, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FORTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 23, 1941, 9:45 A.M.

"We are living, we are dwelling, in a grand and awful time," was the song sung as the members of the Council gathered for the devotional service Thursday morning, October 23. The service was conducted by M.L.Rice, who announced as his subject, "The Sin of being Ordinary." He took as the basis of his talk Moffatt's translation of 1 Cor. 3:3: "For with jealousy and quarrels in your midst, are you not worldly, are you not behaving like ordinary men?"

Elder Rice pointed out that people as a rule live in conformity with the environment that surrounds them, whereas the Christian is called upon to be different, extraordinary, not like the great mass of humanity about him. He cited the experience of Israel in demanding a king, that they might be like the nations around them, as an example of the tendency on the part of God's people to lower their standards to the level of the standards of the world. Israel in yielding to this desire to be like the other nations rejected God.

In contrast, reference was made to the case of Daniel, who, when effort was made to bring him into conformity with the standards of his day, in order that he might be regarded as prepared to stand before the king, purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself. Daniel refused to be like those about him. He chose to be different, even to stand alone.

Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, by putting an extraordinary meaning into the law, lifted the standard of living for the Christian onto an even higher level than that demanded by the letter of the law. The law says, "Thou shalt not kill." Jesus said, You must not be angry with your brother. The curse of the church today is that its members are drifting down to the dead level of the world, instead of lifting the world up to the plane of Christianity. Christians should be extraordinary, not ordinary people. They should be living in a way that is different, better, and higher than the world's way, so that the difference between them and the world may be readily recognized by all with whom they come in contact.

L.H.Christian, who acted as Chairman in the third business session of the Council, read some extracts from the tract, "The Church of Christ not Babylon":

"God has a distinct people, a church on earth second to none, and superior to all in their facilities to teach the truth and vindicate the law of God. . . .The church is the property of God, and God constantly remembers her as she stands in the

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world subject to the temptations of Satan. . . . In passing from the scenes of His humiliation, Jesus has lost none of His humanity. . . . He forgets not His remnant people who are striving to uphold His downtrodden law. . . . There is still a living chain binding them to the heart of infinite love."

Prayer was offered by F.H.Robbins.

As this was the hour appointed for meetings of the Oakwood Junior College and Riverside Sanitarium constituencies, and also a meeting of the International Insurance Company, the Council recessed, and these meetings were called in their order as follows:

OAKWOOD JUNIOR COLLEGE AND RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM:

A meeting of the constituency of Oakwood Junior College was called by J.K.Jones, the Chairman of the Board. A report concerning the College was given by J.L.Moran, the President, and the financial statement was rendered by T.T.Frazier, the Treasurer. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned sine die.

A meeting of the constituency of the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital was called by J.K.Jones, the Chairman of the Board, and a report of the work of the Sanitarium was given by Dr. Carl A.Dent, the Medical Director. A financial statement was also rendered by L.E.Ford, the Treasurer. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned sine die.

INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY:

A meeting of the International Insurance Company of Takome Park, Maryland, was called by the President, J.L.McElhany. A report of the business of the company was made by W.A.Benjamin, the Secretary.

Nominations being presented by the Nominating Committee, W.E.Williams, H.H.Cobban, W.A.Benjamin and W.P.Elliott were re-elected directors of the Insurance Company for a term of three years.

The meeting of the Insurance Company was adjourned.

The Council resumed.

ADDITIONS TO COMMITTEES:

VOTED, That Dr. E.H.Risley, I.H.Woodman and H.M.Johnson be added to the Finance Committee.

VOTED, That E.F.Hackman, A.E.Millner, F.H.Robbins, T.G.Bunch, J.J.Reiswig and J.L.McConaughy be added to the committee appointed to consider items on page 13 of the Agenda.

L.H.Christian, Chairman.
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FORTY-FIFTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 24, 1941, 9:45 A.M.

In the devotional service which began the morning's session of the Council on Friday, October 24, J.F. Wright spoke on "Prayer Our Source of Strength." He used as texts, 2 Kings 19:14; 2 Chron. 14:11; and 2 Chron. 20:12. He said in part:

The mightiest factor and the greatest force in every age of the church has been prayer. It wrought miracles in the days of the kings of Israel. It was the secret of success of the disciples. It was the power which shook the world during the days of the Reformation. In the early days of the Seventh-day Adventist movement it was the mighty movings of prayer among the pioneers that wrought so much in laying the fundamentals of the foundation of the church. It was the power of prayer that made men great in every age. Such power is no less needed today.

One great preacher has said, "We live in a prayerless age. The greatest need of the church today is a ministry that can lead the church again to prayer." This is emphasized by a statement from Dr. A.J. Gordon, "The greatest need of the church is not for any material or external thing, but the greatest need is spiritual. Prayerless work will never bring in the kingdom. Interests of the kingdom are pressing on us thick and fast, and we need to be more instant and constant in prayer."

Men of prayer are men of power, but yet how little we pray! Our forefathers were men who were mighty in prayer. May God help us today to be men and women of prayer, so God can use us mightily in evangelizing the world.

Following the opening song for the fourth business session of the Council, the Chairman read a few sentences from "Steps to Christ," statements of assurance that as our day so shall our strength be, ending with the sentence, "Then let us take up our work just where we find it, believing that whatever may come, strength proportionate to the need will be given."

BUREAU OF HOME MISSIONS:

Actions of the General Conference Committee and of the General Conference in session had recommended that the question of the continuance of the Bureau of Home Missions be reviewed at this Autumn Council. A committee consisting of the Home Officers, the Union Conference Presidents and the Bureau Secretaries was appointed to give the matter study. This committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

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WHEREAS, In these days of international tension there is need for emphasizing the fact that in the work of the Advent Message there is no place for national or racial prejudices, as well as to demonstrate that this denomination has a continuing deep interest in the multitudes of foreign language people in North America; and

WHEREAS, We recognize that in harmony with the counsels of the Spirit of prophecy everything possible should be done, not only to encourage and strengthen the existing work in our foreign language churches, but also to foster aggressive evangelistic work among the millions of these people not yet reached; and

WHEREAS, It is recognized that the work of the Bureau of Home Missions has through the years contributed much to the building up of the work among the foreign language people of North America in such a way as to bring strength to the cause generally in this field, as well as providing a bond of influence and encouragement to sister fields in Europe;

We recommend, That the Bureau of Home Missions be maintained in the same general way as it has been operated hitherto, and that the Nominating Committee be requested to bring nominations to the Council for the Bureau staff.

RADIO BROADCASTING:

In harmony with the recommendation of the General Conference in session, that the General Conference Committee give study to ways and means for expanding through our union conference organizations a chain broadcast, a subcommittee on Radio Broadcasting had been appointed. This committee submitted a report, which was amended and adopted as follows:

Believing that the supreme evangelistic need of our time is indicated by the grave developments in the world which give convincing evidence that we are entering the time when evangelistic activities will be sharply restricted, if not entirely stopped, and that an unsurpassed evangelistic opportunity is provided us through the medium of radio broadcasting; and

Having been charged by the recent General Conference session to study ways and means to obtain the widest possible coverage of the United States with the threefold message in these closing hours of human probation, your special Committee on Radio Work earnestly recommends:

1. That immediate arrangements be made for a national hook-up of approximately 80 stations for a weekly 30-minute broadcast during the year 1942.

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2. That inasmuch as the Voice of Prophecy program on the West Coast is already using 19 stations of the same system now available for the proposed national hook-up, the Voice of Prophecy program and organization be incorporated into this national broadcast, and that the location of the group for carrying forward this enterprise, whether east, west, or central, be determined later by a General Conference Radio Commission in counsel with the General Conference Committee and the broadcasting system carrying the program.

3. That the nominating committee of this Autumn Council be asked to nominate eighteen persons, including the union conference presidents in the United States, who, when elected, shall comprise the General Conference Radio Commission, whose duty it shall be to promote and administer this national radio work in counsel with the General Conference Committee, with the understanding that this Commission shall select a smaller group within itself as an executive committee that can meet frequently to care for the details connected with the carrying out of the general plans formulated by the Commission.

4. That each union conference be requested to appoint a representative from among its workers to act as a union radio secretary, whose duty, in addition to his other regular work, shall be the promotion and publicizing of the national radio program throughout the union conference territory. Further, that each local conference be asked to choose a representative from its workers who in addition to his other regular interests shall, in conjunction with the union radio secretary, promote the national program throughout the various churches in the local field.

5. In planning for this national broadcasting of the message, it is not intended that such service shall in any way supersede or absorb the radio work now being carried on by our evangelists throughout the United States, but rather that in addition to the national broadcast they be encouraged to continue their efforts and wherever possible enlarge their field of activity at every opportunity that in a larger sphere the coming of the Lord may be sounded through the avenue of radio.

6. That in view of the pressing need of advancing the work of radio preaching while the way is still open to us, we urge union and local conference leaders to study ways and means of developing more and better radio preachers and of extending the use of the local station, singly or in a group.

7. That diligent effort be made to enlist the cooperation of the laity in constantly increasing the listening audience by personal visit and letter, in circulating radio logs and topic announcements from house to house in a systematic way, and by inviting the people to tune in.

8. That when interests on the part of listeners develop to the point where personal visitation is indicated, the

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names of such individuals be transmitted to the local conference president, and that this visitation be carried out by regular conference workers, experienced in personal work.

9. That in fostering and promoting this enlarged radio program, the magazine, The Ministry, be asked to devote a section to the promotion of radio evangelism, and that the Review and Herald, Signs of the Times, Watchman, The Message Magazine, and The Christian Record be asked to publish the radiolog of the proposed national broadcast, and that our union papers keep before the church members in their territory the objectives and activities of this service.

In order to finance this national radio program,

We recommend, 10. That an expense budget of \$250,000.00 be provided for 1942, and made up from the following sources:

General Conference	\$ 60,000.00
Radio listeners	100,000.00
Union and Local Conferences	77,500.00
General Conference Publishing Institutions	7,500.00
Christian Record	5,000.00
Total	<u>\$250,000.00</u>

11. That the \$77,500.00 allocated to the union and local conferences be distributed among the various conferences on the basis of the tithe reported for 1940 in the respective fields, and that this sum be made available from operating or other funds; the approximate figures applying to each union conference being as follows:

Percentage of Unions in United States on Basis of Tithe

	<u>Percent</u>	
Atlantic Union	9.72	\$ 7,535.26
Central Union	6.09	4,715.71
Columbia Union	15.27	11,833.53
Lake Union	13.53	10,488.12
Northern Union	4.70	3,638.79
North Pacific Union	10.81	8,380.92
Pacific Union	26.38	20,447.07
Southern Union	9.01	6,983.81
Southwestern Union	<u>4.49</u>	<u>3,476.71</u>
Totals	100.00	\$77,500.00
Total tithe, North America, 1940		\$5,448,244.13
Less General Conference & Canada		<u>181,008.69</u>
Basis of calculation		\$5,267,235.44

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12. That each union conference distribute its portion of the \$77,500.00 between itself and the local conference as the union conference may decide. It shall be understood that should any union conference institution find it possible to make an appropriation toward this sum, the amount of such appropriation be left in the hands of the responsible board in collaboration with the union conference within its territory.

Adjourned to 9:45 Sunday morning, with the closing prayer by C.B.Haynes.

J.F.Wright, Chairman.
E.D.Dick, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

EVENING AND SABBATH MEETINGS

OF THE COUNCIL

Stirring talks were given in the evening hour of the Council on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday nights, by W.H.Branson, C.B.Haynes and A.S.Maxwell.

Elder Branson's subject on Wednesday night was, "The Solemn Implications of the Judgment." He referred to the opening of the investigative judgment on October 22, ninety-seven years ago, at the appointed time foretold in the prophecy of Daniel 8:14. This is an hour to which men of all past ages have looked, because this phase of the judgment is to prepare the way for the second coming of Jesus Christ. Seventh-day Adventists have been raised up for the express purpose of delivering this judgment-hour message. Elder Branson urged that the present world situation should arouse the church to action, for today we stand in the midst of the last events of the drama of human history.

Elder Haynes in his sermon emphasized the great fact that "the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." This fact, he said, is more blessed than home, more crucial than war, more vital than health or happiness. It is the force behind every thought of the brain, every beat of the heart, every breath of the body. The biggest fact in the universe is the existence of God, and the fact that He reigns, that He is in control. That makes all the difference between feebleness and strength, between failure and success, between despair and assurance, for every one who will lay hold of it and make it the abiding conviction of his life.

The subject of Elder Maxwell's sermon Sunday night was, "The Approaching Climax -- All Things Ready for the End." His texts were, Luke 14:16,17, and Revelvtion 19:17. The first text, he said, is a call to the supper of the Lamb; the second a call to the supper of the great God. The first is a call to men to give their hearts to God before it is everlastingly too late; the second is a call to agencies of destruction to cleanse the earth of all who have rebelled against God. The first suggests the cross with arms outstretched in loving entreaty to all mankind; and the second suggests the cross inverted as a sword in the hands of Divine wrath. Today the message is sounding forth to all the earth: "All things are now ready" --ready for those stupendous happenings that mark the close of human history.

Everything in the world is ready for the climax of history and the closing scenes of time; but the church is not ready, for the prophet says, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot." Therefore we are admonished to "anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see." That is what we need today; to lift up our eyes and behold all these things that are coming to pass, and to realize that all things are now ready. This realization will lead us forth with unexampled consecration to the finishing of God's work in the earth.

The Sabbath services of the Council were held in the large Kellogg Auditorium. W.G. Turner spoke at the Sabbath evening service. He dwelt on some of the events to take place immediately preceding the coming of Christ. He emphasized the need of an "expectant church" prepared to meet the Saviour when He comes. The time of trouble, he said, is not designed to produce a revival among God's people. In the experience of the church through the ages the revival has invariably preceded the trouble. Persecution has followed the revival and reformation experience in the church. But while we know that trouble and persecution inevitably follow revival, yet "a revival of true godliness is our greatest need."

At the eleven o'clock hour Sabbath forenoon, W.A. Spicer referred to the early beginnings of our work in Battle Creek, and to its later development throughout the whole world. "Our eyes," he said, "behold the time when the vine of this Advent Movement is reaching to the very edges of the world, and bringing forth fruit. Looking back, it seems to me that our brethren had very little to point to in the way of current fulfillment of prophecy compared with what we have. They preached of prophecy to be fulfilled, while we preach of fulfilling prophecy. The things the pioneers talked to us about, we see before our eyes today."

The Sabbath afternoon hour was devoted to a symposium, participated in by representatives from the Far Eastern, Inter-American, Southern African and Southern Asia Divisions.

V.T. Armstrong reported that the foreign working force in the Far Eastern Division consists of seventy-five families. A few of these are home on furlough, but planning to return when their furloughs are over and the way is open for them to go. The number of baptisms in 1940 were the largest in the history of the division,--3,073, and it looks now as though 1941 would equal what they were last year. "I suppose," he said, "we shall this year baptize in thirty-five different languages in our territory. So in spite of wars and troubles and unrest, our work is making progress."

Glenn Calkins, of the Inter-American Division, called attention to the territory to be covered, and the number of people to be reached with the message in his division field. The field is over 6,000 miles in length, and 1,500 miles in width. It comprises within its territory twenty-two republics, or countries, or major dependencies. It has a population of approximately 52,000,000 people. The baptized church membership is approximately 40,000, but there are about 65,000 Sabbath keepers who are regular attendants at the Sabbath schools. Elder Calkins wished every one could visit the island of Jamaica, an island 140 miles long, where live about six and a half million people. On this island we have over 8,000 church members. In Mexico, there are over 15,000 Sabbath keepers in the Sabbath schools, and nearly 6,000 baptized members. "What a challenge we face," said Elder Calkins, "with the way opening before us and providences on every hand beckoning us to come in!"

N.C. Wilson brought greetings of our people from Southern Asia and also from Southern Africa. About 100,000 fellow believers live in these two large divisions, which have a combined population of almost 500,000,000. He told of a report from W.H. Anderson, who had just attended thirteen camp meetings in Nyasaland, during which time a thousand converts were baptized. Another thousand who signified their intention of becoming Seventh-day Adventists were joined to the Bible classes that were formed. A letter from G.G. Lowry, the new President of the Southern Asia Division, told of a petition that had come to him from one of the states in South India, signed by eighty-five orthodox Hindus, not only requesting, but urging that some one be sent to explain to them the way of salvation as found through the Lord Jesus Christ. They are tired of the ways of Hinduism, and in some way --the brethren do not know how --but through some means they have learned that there is a better way, the way of God, and they want some one to teach them that way.

The evening after the Sabbath the Council listened to reports from representatives of the China Division. K.H. Wood, superintendent of the Manchurian Union Mission, reported that in spite of innumerable handicaps, God is richly blessing the work in Manchuria and also in North China, where hundreds of souls are being won to Christ every year. Though the enforced withdrawal of the foreign workers has entailed some loss and delay, Elder Wood was glad to report that every union and local mission, every department of the work, and every institution is fully manned with trained native workers, who have given assurance that they will do their utmost to carry on every line of God's work in those fields.

O.A. Hall of the East China Union, reported that in his field the tithe is now three and a half times what it was at the outbreak of the war. During the past two years, in the midst of the very trying conditions that have prevailed, 527 persons have been baptized and united with the church. Other groups are ready and waiting for baptism, but it has been impossible for an ordained minister to reach them because of the disruption of transportation.

M.E. Loewen reported the way opening in Tibet. He regretted that as yet a doctor has not been found for the opening in Lassa, where the lama says he wants a hospital like the one at Tatsienlu, where he had seen Dr. Andrews and Dr. James at work.

FORTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 26, 1941, 9:45 A.M.

The devotional service Sunday morning, October 26, was led by L.H.Christian. His subject was, "Leaders who Build for God," his text, "According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereon." 1 Cor. 3:10. Also Judges 5:9: "My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people." We give a few of the points emphasized by Elder Christian:

The question of spiritual leaders and leadership always comes to the front during times of crisis. The Advent church will always be what the leaders under God make it. Every leader should be in the front of the battle. A genuine leader is a great treasure. The men of old were right when they said to David, "You alone are better than ten thousand of us." The twelve apostles, chosen by Christ as leaders, did more to build up the cause of the gospel, than thousands of other believers.

We do not know how or when the present world struggle will terminate, but we do know that if time continues there will be need of strong, experienced leaders in many lands. Men who have headed institutions or done strong work as presidents or departmental leaders in America will surely be called to overseas divisions for large constructive work. Leadership is born of God as the inward urge of a life call. It sets others on fire because it is itself aflame for God. It has only one absorbing purpose,--to build the kingdom of God by saving souls for Him.

Opportunity being given, a large number of those present bore testimony to their desire and determination to be leaders who truly build for God.

"O Worship the Lord," was sung to open the fifth business session of the Council, after which Elder McElhany read Eph.6: 10-18, and prayer was offered by C.P.Crager.

A message of greeting was read from the Southern Asia Division.

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SUBSCRIPTION BOOK WORK:

The Committee on Publishing Work Problems submitted a report, which was amended and adopted as follows:

Easy Payment Plan

WHEREAS, The easy payment plan of selling merchandise has developed to the place where billions of dollars worth of goods are sold annually in the United States by this method, the people having been thus educated through the years to purchase on this basis; and

WHEREAS, In recent years some colporteurs have been selling subscription books on this plan with outstanding success, both in sales and collections, and in winning souls to the message,

We recommend, 1. That we develop as rapidly as circumstances will permit, the Easy Payment Plan of selling our subscription books in the North American Division, taking care not to disturb the present program of the selling of our subscription books as it is operating throughout the field.

2. That for this type of selling we make very careful selection of men and women who possess special qualifications for the colporteur work and that the appointment be made by the Publishing Department Committee in the local conference in counsel with the secretary of the union conference Publishing Department.

3. That all such workers be placed under contract with the Book and Bible House. The terms of this contract shall include provisions that will require a definite standard in hours (which may vary according to circumstances, but having in view 40 hours for men and 35 hours for women); and also a requirement for the remittance in full to the Book and Bible House of all deposits and collections on a definite day of each week.

4. That the Book and Bible House increase the selling price of subscription books on the Easy Payment Plan, 20%; and that the colporteur sell at the prices fixed by the Book and Bible House.

5. That colporteurs under contract to sell on the Easy Payment Plan receive 60% of the selling price of subscription books.

6. That colporteurs selling on this Easy Payment Plan be permitted to draw on account up to 40% of the price of all subscription books delivered under definite contract with the customer on which a stated deposit has been received, provided he has worked the required hours as stipulated in the contract. This advance shall be limited to \$35.00 per week.

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7. That since this program would limit the Book and Bible House profit to six and two thirds percent on sales, the local conference subsidize these Easy Payment sales $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ and the publishing house $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ on the publisher's retail invoice value of books sold by this method.

Bonuses

We recommend, 1. That no bonuses be paid to workers who are selling on the Easy Payment Plan.

2. That bonus plans now in operation in various fields be amended to provide as follows: That bonus allowances given to colporteurs who are selling on the Cash-on-Delivery Plan shall be limited to an amount which shall provide that no colporteur receiving bonus payment shall by these benefits increase his income above $\$1.00$ per hour or $\$30.00$ per week for the actual time spent in canvassing. The calculation shall be based on 50% commission to the colporteur on the value of his deliveries.

3. And further, that this recommendation be reviewed at the Fall Council in 1942.

REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The following partial report from the Nominating Committee was presented and adopted:

Your Committee on Nominations would respectfully submit the following recommendations:

We recommend, 1. For the Bureau of Home Missions, General Secretary, L. Halswick.

Secretary for the German Section, R. Ruhling.

Secretary for the Miscellaneous Languages Section, L. Halswick.

Secretary for the Swedish, Danish-Norwegian, Russian, and Ukrainian Languages Section, G.E. Nord.

Secretary for the Spanish, Portuguese and Indian Section, H.D. Casebeer.

Secretary for the Jewish Section, F.C. Gilbert.

We recommend, 2. For Medical Extension Secretary, G.A. Roberts.

We recommend, 3. For Field Secretary of the General Conference, R. Ruhling.

Adjourned to 9:45 Monday morning.
 J.L. McElhany R.W. Cormack, Secretary.
 W.H. Branson, Chairmen. E. Zeidler, Recording Sec'y.

FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, 1941, 9:45 A.M.

R.A. Anderson conducted the devotional service Monday morning, October 27, his subject being "The Challenge of the Cities." We give a few extracts from his stirring talk:

When his friends were trying to persuade Livingstone not to return to Africa, but to remain in England, he said, "I have seen the smoke of a thousand villages that have never heard the name of Christ, and I cannot stay." In the first chapter of Judges we read how "The Lord was with Judah; and he drove out the inhabitants of the mountain; but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley because they had chariots of iron." Through the years of this Advent Movement the Lord has been giving us the mountains; but the valleys -- the great cities -- seem to bid defiance to us year after year.

Since Livingstone sailed for Africa, the world has mightily changed. Great cities like London, and New York, and Shanghai, and Berlin and Buenos Aires, have more than doubled their population, and hundreds of other cities have sprung into existence. We have in this North American Division about 150 great metropolitan areas, not mere cities, but communities of cities, where thousands and hundreds of thousands are living without a knowledge of the coming of the Lord. These sophisticated centers of civilization may look like an unpromising field, but it is well to remember that some of the greatest harvests for God have been gathered in places that made little or no promise of return.

God has been preparing the way for a mighty advance, even while the devil has been planning a program of resistance to the message of God. For fifty years modernism in the church, and paganism in the colleges, has been undermining faith, but the temple reared to paganism is collapsing under its own weight, and a great change is taking place in the thinking of the present day. There is much evidence of a swing away from skepticism and back to religion.

We must pray and plan for a voice in every metropolitan area in the world. The time has come for us to put forth extraordinary efforts to reach the multitudes of these great cities, and for that work we need men, more than we need methods. Not the smoke of a thousand villages, but the smoke of a thousand Christless cities, should stir the church of Christ to action. Not only in the lands of "every nation," but in the ears of "every people" must be sounded God's message for today.

"O for that Flame of Living Fire" was sung to close the devotional service.

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As the Council convened for its sixth session, Elder McElhany read Rev. 21:1-5, and F.A.Mote, of the Far Eastern Division, led in prayer.

A partial report from the Plans Committee was presented, the first resolution of which was adopted by a standing vote, as follows:

RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE:

WHEREAS, In these dark and evil days, when a whirlwind of destruction is sweeping over the earth, God has been very gracious to His people, mercifully preserving their lives and keeping watch above His own; and

WHEREAS, Through all the confusion of these perplexing times He has wondrously caused the wrath of men to praise Him, leading His holy cause from victory to victory, even in lands most grievously stricken by the terrors of war; and

WHEREAS, In these days of world-wide suffering and want He has blessed His people in unexpected ways, resulting in many lands, in a most encouraging increase of funds, making possible a further expansion of His cause, help to the needy, and a welcome reduction in indebtedness; therefore

Resolved, That, with hearts and minds united, we acknowledge anew the goodness of God to usward, giving Him the glory for every success, every deliverance, every victory, and yielding ourselves gladly and unreservedly to Him for the finishing of His work.

The remainder of the report was amended, and adopted as follows:

PROMOTION OF HEALTH PRINCIPLES:

Union Conference Medical Secretaries

WHEREAS, We recognize that the time has come when advance steps should be taken in all our ranks in respect to the various phases of healthful living and medical missionary endeavors; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the need for qualified workers in the field to foster the interest of such work; therefore

We recommend, 1. That earnest consideration be given by each union conference to the appointment of a full time medical secretary who may be a physician or nurse, and that in the selection of such workers the counsel of the General Conference Medical Department be sought.

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Conference Workers to Present Health Principles

We recommend, 2. That all conference workers be urged to recognize their responsibility in prominently presenting our health principles and in becoming prepared to lead our church membership in a more thorough study and practice of the balanced principles that make for health and that are so closely related to Christian living.

Training for Presentation of Health Principles

Resolved, 3. That we request the Theological Seminary Board to include in the curriculum of training offered ministers and Bible workers instruction as to how to present our health principles to the public.

4. That we request the boards of our colleges to include in the curriculum of training offered students in preparation for the ministry and Bible work, instruction regarding our health principles, and how to present these principles to the public.

Study of Health Principles

Resolved, 5. That we encourage our church membership to a more earnest study of and faithful adherence to the principles of hygienic living as set forth in the Scriptures, in the counsels of the Spirit of prophecy, as well as in our health magazines, tracts and other literature.

Training to Give Simple Treatments

Resolved, 6. That we appeal to all physicians and nurses in our ranks to join with conference and church leadership in teaching and preparing our people to give simple treatments and various lines of home care to the sick in view of the value of such instruction to the individuals, and also in view of the impending perils and epidemics of the last days.

DEPARTMENTAL COUNCILS:

We recommend, 1. That Departmental Secretaries' Councils be held as often as absolutely necessary in the interests of the work, it being suggested that, except in cases of emergency, once in every two years for division councils of union conference departmental secretaries, and once each year for union councils of local conference departmental secretaries would be reasonable planning.

2. That in the making of arrangements for the holding of all Departmental Councils either of union or local conference secretaries, plans be formulated so that in so far as possible the various departments may collaborate with each other in the holding of these councils.

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3. That the year's council schedules for each union be given study by the union committee at the beginning of each year.

4. That the union conferences in North America be asked to arrange for the holding of councils of departmental secretaries in connection with the forthcoming union conference sessions, leaving the plans for general North American Division councils of departmental secretaries for future consideration.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT:

The General Conference in session having recommended the appointment of a committee to study the question of a uniform baptismal covenant, such a committee was appointed by the General Conference Minority Committee, and detailed study has been given to this question. The report of this committee was presented, and adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, It is of the utmost importance to the future of our work that a uniform plan be followed in the matter of preparing and examining candidates for baptism and church membership,

We recommend, 1. That the following baptismal vow be adopted, and that all ministers and church elders be urged to carefully follow the same in examining those who apply for membership in the church.

2. That the attached Certificate of Baptism, and Summary of Fundamental Beliefs, be printed with the baptismal vow, and that a copy be filled out and furnished to all those who are accepted for baptism and church membership.

Certificate of Baptism

"Jesus came and
spoke unto them,
saying, . . . Go
ye therefore
and make Chris-
tians of all nations

(Picture)

baptizing them in
the name of the
Father and of
the Son, and of
the Holy Ghost."

Matt. 28:18,19 (Mar.)

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In harmony with this command

was baptized at

on the _____ day of _____, 19 _____

Signature _____

Officiating Minister or Elder

of the _____ Conference

x

Received into church fellowship by

the _____ Seventh-day

Adventist Church on the _____ day of _____, 19 _____

Signature _____

Church Clerk

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Summary of Fundamental Beliefs

The following is a brief summary of the fundamental beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists, together with some of the Scriptural references upon which they are based:

1. The true and living God, the First Person of the Godhead, is our heavenly Father, and by His Son, Christ Jesus, created all things. Matt. 28:18,19; 1 Cor. 8:5,6; Eph. 3:9; Jer. 10:10-12; Heb. 1:1-3; Acts 17:22-29; Col. 1:16-18.
2. Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Godhead, and the eternal Son of God, is the only Saviour from sin; and man's salvation is by grace through faith in Him. Matt. 28:18,19; John 5:16; Micah 5:2; cf. Matt. 1:21; 2:5,6; Acts 4:12; 1 John 5:11,12; Eph. 1:9-15; 2:4-8; Rom. 3:23-26.
3. The Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Godhead, is Christ's representative on earth, and leads sinners to repentance and to obedience of all God's requirements. Matt. 28:18,19; John 14:26; 15:26; 16:7-15; Rom. 8:1-10; Eph. 4:30.
4. Through Christ, believers receive forgiveness of sins which are forsaken and confessed, and for which, as far as lies in their power, restitution is made. Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14,15; 1 John 1:7-9; Isa. 55:6,7; Eze. 33:15; Matt. 5:23,24; 6:14,15.
5. The Bible is God's inspired word, and is the full, sufficient, and only basic rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3:15-17; 2 Pet. 1:19-21; Ps. 119:9,11,105,130; 1 Thess. 2:13; Isa. 8:20; Jer. 15:16; Heb. 4:12.
6. All who enter the kingdom of heaven must experience conversion, or the new birth, through which man receives a new heart and becomes a new creature. Matt. 18:3; John 3:3; 2 Cor. 5:17; Eze. 36:26,27; Heb. 8:10-12; 1 Peter 1:23; 2:2.
7. Christ dwells in the regenerate heart, writing upon it the principles of God's law, leading the believer to delight to obey its precepts, and imparting power for such obedience. 2 Cor. 6:16; Ps. 40:8; Heb. 8:10-12; John 14:15; Col. 1:27; 3:16; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 3:14-21.
8. Upon His ascension, Christ began His ministry as High Priest in the Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary, which sanctuary is the antitype of the earthly tabernacle of the former dispensation. As in the type, a work of investigative judgment began as Christ entered the second phase of His ministry, in the Most Holy Place, foreshadowed in the earthy service by the day of atonement. This work of the investigative judgment in the heavenly sanctuary began in 1844, at the close of the 2,300 years and will end with the close of probation. Heb. 4:14; 8:1,2; Lev. 16:2,29; Heb. 9:25,24; Dan. 8:14; 9:24-27; Rev. 14:6,7; 22:11.

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9. The second coming of Christ is the hope of the church, the climax of the gospel, and the goal of the plan of redemption, when Jesus will come literally, personally, and visibly, with all His holy angels. Many signs of the times testify that His coming is at hand. And the almost complete fulfillment of all the various lines of prophecy indicate that "He is near, even at the doors." John 14:1-3; Titus 2:11-14; Heb. 9:28; Acts 1:9-11; Rev. 1:7; Matt. 25:31; Luke 9:26; 21:25-33; Matt. 24:14,36-39, 33 (Mar.)

10. The righteous dead will be raised to life at Christ's second advent. Together with the righteous living, they will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air, and will go with Him to heaven, there to spend the 1,000 years known as the millennium. Rev. 1:18; John 5:25,28,29; Hosea 13:14; 1 Cor. 15:51-55; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; John 11:24-25; 14:1-3; Rev. 20:6,4,5; Isa. 25:8,9.

11. The wicked who are living at the time of Christ's second advent will be slain by the brightness of His coming. These, with the wicked dead of all ages, will await the second resurrection, at the close of the 1,000 years. 2 Thess. 1:7-10; 2:8; Jude 14,15; Rev. 20:5,12,15; John 5:28,29; Acts 24:15; Isa. 24:21,22.

12. At the end of the 1,000 years, the following events will take place: (a) Christ and the righteous will descend from heaven, with ~~the~~ the Holy City, the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21: ^{x see} 2,10); (b) the wicked dead will be resurrected for final judgment (Rev. 20:11,12); (c) the wicked will receive the final wages of sin when fire comes down from God out of heaven to consume them (Rev. 20:7-10,14,15); and (d) this fire which destroys the works of sin, will purify the earth. 2 Peter 3:10-14; Mal. 4:1,3; Rev. 20:8,4. *action of Jan 29/42*

13. The earth, cleansed by fire and renewed by the power of God, will become the eternal home of the redeemed. 2 Peter 3:9-13; Isa. 65:17-25; 35:1-10; 45:18; Matt. 5:5; Mal. 4:1-3; Prov. 11:31.

14. The seventh day of the week is the eternal sign of Christ's power as Creator and Redeemer, and is therefore the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath, constituting the seal of the living God. It should be observed from sunset Friday to sunset Saturday. Gen. 2:1-3; Ex. 20:8-11; John 1:1-3, 14; Eze. 20:12,20; Mark 2:27,28; Isa. 58:13; Luke 4:16; 23:54-56; 24:1; Acts 17:2; Heb. 4:9-11; Isa. 66:22,23; Lev. 23:32; cf. Mark 1:21-32; Ex. 16:23-31.

15. The tithe is holy unto the Lord, and is God's provision for the support of His ministry. Free-will offerings are also a part of God's plan for the support of His work throughout the world. Lev. 27:30-32; Mal. 3:8-12; Num. 18:20-28; Matt. 23:23; Prov. 3:9,10; 1 Cor. 9:13,14; 2 Cor. 9:6,7; Ps. 96:8.

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16. Immortality comes only through the gospel, and is bestowed as a gift from God at Christ's second coming. 1 Cor. 15:21,22,51-55; Ps. 146:3,4; Eccl. 9:5,6,10; 1 Tim. 6:15,16; 2 Tim. 1:10; 1 John 5:11,12.

17. The condition of man in death is one of unconsciousness. All men, good and evil alike, remain in the grave from death to the resurrection. Eccl. 9:5,6; Ps. 146:3,4; 115:17; Job 14:10-12,21,22; 17:13; John 11:11-14; 1 Thess. 4:13; John 5:28,29.

18. The Christian is called unto sanctification, and his life should be characterized by carefulness in deportment, and modesty and simplicity in dress. 1 Thess. 4:3,7; 5:23; 3:13; 1 Peter 2:21; 3:15, 3-5; Isa. 3:16-24; 1 Cor. 10:31. 1 Tim. 2:9,10.

19. The Christian should recognize his body as the temple of the Holy Spirit. Therefore he should honor God by caring for his body, abstaining from such things as alcoholic beverages, tobacco in all its forms, and from all unclean foods. 1 Cor. 3:16,17; 6:19,20; 9:25; 10:31; 2 Cor. 7:1; Gal. 5:17-21; 6:7,8; 1 Peter 2:9-12; 1 Cor. 10:1-11; Lev. 11:1-8.

20. The church is to come behind in no spiritual gift, and the presence of the gift of the Spirit of prophecy is to be one of the identifying marks of the remnant church. Seventh-day Adventists recognize its manifestation in the work of Ellen G. White. 1 Cor. 12:1-28; Eph. 5:11-16; 1 Cor. 1:4-18; Rev. 12:17; 19:10; Amos 3:7; Hosea 12:10,13.

21. The Bible teaches a definite church organization. The members of this organization are under sacred obligation to be subject thereunto, loyally to support it, and to share in its maintenance. They are admonished not to forsake the assembling of themselves together. Matt. 16:16-18; Eph. 2:19-22; 1:10-23; 1 Cor. 14:33,40; Titus 1:5-9; Matt. 18:15,18; 1 Cor. 12:12-28; 16:1-3; Heb. 10:25; Acts 4:32-35; 6:1-7.

22. Baptism by immersion typifies the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, and openly expresses faith in His saving grace, and the renunciation of sin and the world, and is recognized as a condition of entrance into church membership. Matt. 28:19; 3:13-17; Acts 2:38, 41-47; 8:35-39; 16:32,33; 22:16; Rom. 6:1-11; Gal. 3:27; Col. 3:1-3.

23. The ordinance of the Lord's supper commemorates the Saviour's death; and participation by members of the body is essential to Christian growth and fellowship. It is to be preceded by the ordinance of feet washing as a preparation for this solemn service. Matt. 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; John 6:48-56; 13:1-17; 1 Cor. 11:27-30.

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24. In the Christian life there is complete separation from worldly practices, such as card playing, theater going, dancing, etc., which tend to deaden and destroy the spiritual life. 2 Cor. 6:15-18; 1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4; 2 Tim. 2:19-22; Eph. 5:8-11; Col. 3:5-10.

25. Through the study of the Word, God speaks to us, imparting light and strength, and through prayer the soul is united with God. These are heaven's ordained means for obtaining victory in the conflict with sin, and for the development of Christian character. Ps. 119:130; 19:7,8; John 6:63; 17:17; 1 Peter 2:2; 1 Thess. 5:17; Luke 18:1; Ps. 55:17; Isa. 50:4.

26. Every church member is under sacred command from Jesus to use his talents in personal soul-winning work in helping to give the gospel to all the world. When this work is finished, Jesus will come. Matt. 28:18-20; 25:14-29; Rev. 22:17; Isa. 43:10-12; 2 Cor. 5:17-20; Rom. 10:13-15; Matt. 24:14.

27. In accordance with God's uniform dealing with mankind, warning them of coming events vitally affecting their destiny, He has sent forth a proclamation of the approaching return of Christ. This preparatory message is symbolized by the three angels' messages of Revelation 14, and meets its fulfillment in the great Second Advent Movement today. This has brought forth the remnant, or Seventh-day Adventist church, keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Amos 3:7; Matt. 24:29-34; Rev. 14:6-10; Zeph. 3:13; Micah 4:7,8; Rev. 14:12; Isa. 26:2; Rev. 22:14.

Baptismal Vow

Note: The following questions should be answered in the affirmative before the church by candidates for baptism.

1. Do you believe in God the Father, in His Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you accept the death of Jesus Christ, on Calvary, as an atoning sacrifice for the sins of men, and that through faith in His shed blood men are saved from sin and its penalty?
3. Renouncing the world and its sinful ways, have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, and do you believe that God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven your sins, and given you a new heart?
4. Do you accept by faith the righteousness of Christ, recognizing Him as your Intercessor in the Heavenly Sanctuary, and do you claim His promise to strengthen you by His indwelling Spirit, so that you may receive power to do His will?

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5. Do you believe the Bible to be God's inspired Word, and that it constitutes the only rule of faith and practice for the Christian?

6. Do you accept the ten commandments as still binding upon Christians, and is it your purpose, by the power of the indwelling Christ, to keep this law, including the fourth commandment, which requires the observance of the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath of the Lord?

7. Knowing and understanding the fundamental Bible principles as taught by the Seventh-day Adventist church, is it your purpose, by God's grace, to order your life in harmony with these principles?

8. Is the soon coming of Jesus "a blessed hope" in your heart, and is it your settled determination to prepare to meet Him in peace, as well as to help others to get ready for His coming?

9. Do you believe in church organization, and is it your purpose to support the church by your personal effort, means, and influence?

10. Do you accept the New Testament teaching of baptism by immersion, and do you desire to be so baptized as a public expression of your faith in the forgiveness of your sins and of acceptance with Christ?

11. Do you believe that the Seventh-day Adventist church constitutes the remnant church, and do you desire to be accepted into its membership?

Note: After the candidates have satisfactorily answered the foregoing questions, the church body should be asked to vote their acceptance into the church, subject to baptism, which ordinance should not be unduly delayed, and this should be followed by the right hand of fellowship and a few words of welcome.

Adjourned to 7:30 P.M.

J.L. McElhany,
W.G. Turner, Chairmen.

T.J. Michael, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, 1941, 7:30 P.M.

The seventh session of the Council was held at 7:30 P.M., Monday, October 27. After singing "Take the Name of Jesus with You," a portion of the sixth chapter of John was read. Prayer was offered by Meade MacGuire.

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

A further report from the Nominating Committee was presented, and adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. For the Radio Commission of eighteen members: W.G.Turner, Chairman; H.M.S.Richards, W.H.Williams, H.T.Elliott, R.A.Anderson, W.H.Branson, H.H.Votaw, C.B.Haynes, E.D.Dick, and the nine union conference presidents in the United States.

2. For the Committee of the Bureau of Home Missions: L. Halswick, Chairman; W.G.Turner, W.H.Williams, L.H.Christian, H.T.Elliott, R.Ruhling, G.E.Nord, F.C.Gilbert, H.D.Casebeer.

3. For reappointment as members of the Board of Regents: W.I.Smith, Dr. E.H.Risley.

4. For Secretary-treasurer of the Northern European Division, Paul Knudsen.

5. That the appointment of the Committee for the Northern European Division be referred to the General Conference Minority Committee.

6. That the appointment of an Assistant Secretary for the Educational Department, and of a Secretary for the Press Bureau, be referred to the Committee in Washington.

The following partial report from the Finance Committee was adopted:

COLPORTEUR INTERNSHIP PLAN:

We recommend, That a colporteur internship program be set up for the North American Division, under which new recruits for the colporteur field shall be trained and established in the work under the following conditions:

1. That men and women be carefully selected for the colporteur work on the basis of those qualifications which are

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outlined and emphasized by the messenger of the Lord in the Spirit of prophecy.

2. a. That we assure such appointees a guaranteed income for a period of three months during their initial training period.

b. That the earnings of the colporteur during this three months' period be included in the guaranteed income. That should the earnings of the colporteur be less than the guaranteed amount of income, the guaranteeing organizations shall make up the difference on a proportionate basis hereinafter provided.

c. That should the colporteur's personal earnings during this three months' period be equal to, or in excess of, the guaranteed amount, the total earnings are the property of the colporteur and the guarantors are then free from any obligation.

3. That the colporteur who receives financial benefits under this guarantee undertake to continue in the colporteur work provided the employing agency so desires.

4. a. That in order to insure the permanent success of the new recruit, it be a requirement of this program that the field missionary secretary shall accompany him in selling from house to house his first full week--or 40 hours--and thereafter during the training period shall devote such time as is necessary to establish the new worker in successful methods of gospel salesmanship, the amount of time being governed by the aptitude and success of the new worker.

b. That at the end of each month of the internship period the colporteur situation shall be reviewed by the Publishing Committee of the local conference.

5. That any colporteur who is guaranteed the benefits of an internship shall sign a contract with the Book and Bible House, which contract shall contain such terms as will protect both the colporteur and the Book and Bible House, and that the General Conference Publishing Department prepare this contract.

6. That allotments of colporteur internships be made by the General Conference Publishing Department and that applications be considered by the local conference committee and passed on to the union conference committee for assignment.

7. That the amount of income guaranteed the colporteur under this plan shall range from a minimum of \$15.00 a week up to a maximum of \$25.00, the amount to be determined by the local conference committee on the basis of the family obligations of the new recruit.

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8. That the guaranteeing organizations shall be the General Conference, the union conference, and the local conference, which organizations shall share the guarantee on the following basis:

- a. General Conference - One fourth.
- b. Union Conference --- One fourth.
- c. Local Conference --- One half.

The following recommendation from the General Conference Officers was adopted:

EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION:

WHEREAS, The ordination service is a public recognition of one's divine appointment to bear to the world the glad tidings of the gospel; and

WHEREAS, The spiritual life of the candidate for ordination should be in keeping with the holy principles of the message he is to proclaim; and

WHEREAS, Before ordination, clear, unmistakable evidence of his call to this sacred office should be seen in the fruit borne as the result of his ministry of the word of life;

We recommend, That all conference and mission committees adhere strictly to the provisions of the Working Policy as found on page 56, and hereby amended to read as follows:

"Before any ordination is carried out, there shall be a very careful examination of the candidates as to their fitness for the work of the ministry. The examination should cover the great fundamental facts of the gospel, such as the following:

- "a. The present personal religious experience of the candidate.
- "b. His belief in and knowledge of the Scriptures.
- "c. His acquaintance with and full acceptance of the vital truths we believe we are called to proclaim to the world.
- "d. His attitude toward denominational organization.
- "e. The results of his previous work as a licensed preacher.

"The examination of candidates for ordination is conducted by ordained ministers only, and where there are present representatives of union, division, or General Conferences, they should be invited to assist in the examination."

J.L. McElhany, Chairman.

T.J. Michael, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FORTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 28, 1941, 9:45 A.M.

In the devotional service Tuesday morning, October 28, V.C. Anderson, who conducted the service, based his remarks on Jude 20, 21: "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."

Elder Anderson talked about motives,--good motives and bad motives. The text, he said, is talking about building up ourselves in the right way, having the right motives in connection with our work in the Lord's cause. It is said that we should not judge another's motives, but it is all right and proper that we think of our own motives. Motives largely determine a man's sincerity or insincerity. Are our motives tinged with personal ambition? Do we wish to excel personally, or to have our conference or institution excel in some particular line or lines? Or are our motives centered on the winning of souls above everything else in the world? In Jer. 45:5, we read, "Seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not." The program that the Bible outlines is not a program of building up self in that respect.

In the days of the apostles a certain man tried to buy the Holy Spirit. He was told that he had the wrong kind of spirit,--the wrong motive. We have heard in this Council that our greatest need is for power to run the machinery of this denomination. Is it possible that the reason we do not have more of the power of the Spirit is that God cannot trust us with it; that there is danger of our using that power for our own personal advantage instead of for the proclamation of the gospel of God in the earth? All our work for the Lord will be in vain if our motives are not sanctified by the Spirit of God.

"There shall be Showers of Blessing" was sung to open the eighth business session of the Council, and a portion of the fifteenth chapter of John was read, after which prayer was offered by W.K. Ising.

A series of recommendations from the General Conference Officers was presented and adopted, as follows:

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PLACING AND SUPPORTING WORKERS RETURNED FROM
MISSION SERVICE, AND THOSE RELEASED FROM
GENERAL CONFERENCE RESPONSIBILITIES:

WHEREAS, Our ministers and leaders who are called to go to mission lands are thus required to break their connections with the work in the homelands; and

WHEREAS, Most of these men have already demonstrated their call to the work of the ministry or other lines of denominational endeavor, and have developed to the place where they are already filling positions of responsibility and leadership in the work of God, and continue to fill such positions in the foreign fields to which they are sent; and

WHEREAS, Upon return to their homeland these workers often find themselves faced with uncertainty, anxiety, and embarrassment through finding their contacts with the work broken and no place open for continued service; therefore

We recommend, 1. That where Division and General Conference Committees recommend returning workers for further service, employing organizations in the homeland be encouraged to do everything possible to quickly absorb such workers into their regular working staffs.

2. That, beginning as of October 1, 1941, all such workers be supported by the division from which they return for a period of six months from the date of their sailing for the homeland, and by the General Conference for an additional period of one year; and, further, that conferences or institutions employing these workers receive the benefit of this support by the Division and General Conference organizations.

3. The Division or General Conference shall also be responsible for placing these workers in the fields to which they are called.

4. That receiving organizations shall be responsible for all local expenses incurred by the worker after his connecting with the work in the field. At the close of the period for which support is provided by the Division and General Conference, the receiving organization shall become responsible for his full support.

5. That organizations in the homeland which employ workers permanently returned from mission service shall in the case of receiving workers over fifty-five years of age, or others who because of a break in health within three years of their employment in the homeland are placed on Sustentation, be relieved of the necessity of continuing their wages for six months, as is required for other workers recommended for Sustentation.

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6. That the General Conference Committee be given wide discretionary powers to make provision for cases which the Division and General Conference Committees feel deserve special consideration.

7. That the General Conference Committee be given wide discretionary powers to make provision for cases which the Division and General Conference Committees feel cannot be clearly recommended to the fields for employment.

8. That the financial provisions of the above plan be understood to apply also in the cases of elective members of the General Conference staff who because of tenure of office or other reasons are not continued in their service, but who can be recommended for other employment.

9. That the Budget Committee be asked to set up a fund, annually, for the General Conference from which to meet its share of the expense involved in the above provisions.

Revisions to the Working Policy and the Church Manual, as recommended by the General Conference Officers, were submitted and adopted as follows:

CALLS FOR WORKERS:

We recommend, That section "C" of paragraph 3 of the policy on the method of calling and transferring workers within division fields, on pages 49 and 50 of the policy booklet, be amended to read as follows:

c. The General Conference or division committee before passing on a call by definite action, shall make inquiry, if it seems necessary, of the union and local conference or institution from which a worker is desired, as to qualification of the worker and the propriety of the transfer, and shall exercise its discretion as to whether or not the call shall be passed on.

ALLOWANCES TO MISSIONARY APPOINTEES:

We recommend, That the policy relating to freight and outfitting allowances be revised to read as follows:

For the purpose of this policy missionary appointees shall be classified into three groups as follows:

- Class A. Families who have established furnished homes in their homelands.
- Class B. Families who have not established furnished homes in their homelands.
- Class C. Single workers.

The General Conference at the time of appointment, shall rule as to whether families are in Class A or Class B.

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Freight Insurance and Customs Charges

The division to which the missionary appointee goes shall pay--

1. Freight, cartage, and handling charges on household goods and personal effects, not including automobiles, articles intended for sale in a foreign country, or articles carried for other persons from the worker's home to the place of his appointment in the mission field on up to 4,000 pounds gross weight for Class A, 2,500 for Class B, and 1,250 for Class C.

2. Customs' charges on an equivalent in valuation of \$500 for Classes A and B, and \$250 for Class C at current rates of exchange, according to appraisal by Customs Officers on household goods and personal effects, not including automobiles, moving picture equipment, cameras, films, field glasses, articles intended for sale in a foreign country, or articles carried for other persons.

3. The sum of \$65 for Class A, \$40 for Class B, and \$20 for Class C for crating, packing, and all other expenses preparatory to shipping.

4. "All risk" Marine insurance and "war risk" insurance which must be secured in every case at the replacement value of the goods allowed in paragraph one.

Missionaries should take from railroad and steamship companies, receipts for freightpaid showing the weights of the shipments and the rates charged. These receipts and receipts for customs charges or insurance premiums paid should be attached to the expense reports submitted by missionaries upon their arrival in the mission fields.

Workers are requested to make carefully detailed statements of traveling expenses, showing clearly the amount of expense paid for each item and class of expense, including railway and steamship fares, freight on goods, customs charges if any, insurance, etc. If the worker travels second class, he is to report second-class cost of transportation. If the accommodation is third class, only third-class cost is to be reported.

Outfitting Allowances

In addition to paying the charges covered in the preceding paragraphs, an allowance is made to missionary appointees for the purpose of assisting them in purchasing new goods, paying excess railway and ocean freight, parcels post or express charges and any other expenses of that character.

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Outfitting allowances to all fields are as follows:

Single workers, full term of service, \$150; less than full term, \$100.

Families without dependent children, \$300.

Families with one dependent child, \$325

Families with two or more dependent children, \$350.

Divisions appointing missionaries to serve within their own territories will adapt their policies in harmony with the general provision of the above policy to care for such cases.

REHABILITATION ALLOWANCE:

We recommend, That the Rehabilitation Allowance policy be amended to read as follows:

Missionaries from the North American base who have completed more than one half of one period of service in the mission field and who are permanently returned for reasons other than those involving dismissal, shall be granted a rehabilitation allowance equal to the outfitting allowance for the worker concerned. Those who return from the field before one half of one period of service has expired, or for reasons involving dismissal, are not entitled to the rehabilitation allowance, but may be given help in reestablishing their homes, the amount to be determined by the General Conference in counsel with the division committee concerned. Division committees are authorized to make provision for missionaries returned to other home bases, in harmony with the above schedule.

The division from which the missionary is returning shall pay:

1. Freight, cartage, and handling charges on household goods and personal effects (not including automobiles, articles intended for sale, or carried for other persons) from the place of residence in the mission field to missionary's home in the homeland, or to another destination in the homeland determined by the General Conference Committee in counsel with the division committee concerned, on up to 4,000 gross weight for a missionary family, or 1,250 pounds for a single worker.

2. A sum the equivalent of \$65 for crating and packing for a family, or \$20 for a single worker.

3. "All risk" Marine insurance and "war risk" insurance which must be secured in every case at the replacement value of the goods allowed in paragraph one.

4. War risk insurance premiums at the replacement value of up to 4000 pounds of household goods and personal effects

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belonging to a missionary family, or 1,250 pounds belonging to a single worker, as allowed under paragraph 1 of this section.

Missionaries returning should take from railroad and steamship companies receipts for freight paid, showing the weights of the shipments and the rates charged. These receipts and receipts for insurance premiums paid should be attached to the expense reports submitted by the missionaries upon their arrival in the homeland.

The General Conference does not assume responsibility for customs charges, nor does it meet the cost of shipments sent by express or by other expensive means of transportation. However, when a missionary elects to ship his goods in some other way than by freight, an amount equivalent to the cost of freight will be allowed.

Workers are requested to make carefully detailed statements of the traveling expenses, showing clearly the amount paid for each item and class of expense, including railway and steamship fares, freight and cartage, dock charges if any, and insurance. If the worker travels second class, he is to report second-class cost of transportation. If the accommodation is third class, only third class-cost is to be reported.

FURLOUGH POLICY:

We recommend, That paragraph 13 of the Furlough Policy be amended to read as follows:

All expense of carrying up to 300 pounds of personal effects for each full fare ticket, less the amount allowed by the carrying company or companies without charge, will be allowed in addition to the cartage, dock charges, etc.

No expense is allowed on articles intended for sale or articles carried for other persons.

There are no outfitting allowances when coming on furlough or returning to the field after furlough.

Persons arriving by boat on the West Coast of North America are usually allowed 350 pounds of free baggage by railroad companies for each full fare railroad ticket. To secure this allowance they should obtain from the purser before leaving the ship a statement certifying that they are passengers.

TRANSFER OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

We recommend, That paragraph 1 of the policy on retaining, transferring, and receiving church membership, on page 51 of the Working Policy booklet (Edition 1939) be amended to read as follows:

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A member removing to the vicinity of another church for residence for any length of time beyond six months, should transfer membership by letter to the church nearest to the place of residence. Students are encouraged to transfer their membership to the church at the school which they attend. There should be careful cooperation between the churches and conferences to arrange promptly for the transfer of the membership.

It is understood that the instruction regarding the transfer of membership does not apply in the case of a missionary on furlough.

APOSTASY OF ORDAINED MINISTERS:

We recommend, That the following paragraph be added on page 59 of the Working Policy, to be numbered 14, and that the present number 14 be number 15:

In the case of apostasy on the part of any minister whereby he falls away to the world, or identifies himself with, or gives continuing support to, any activity subversive to this denomination, it is to be recognized that he has by such disloyalty proved himself unworthy of a place or part in the gospel ministry of this church. In such case the conference employing him shall annul his ordination and withdraw his credentials, thus divesting him of all authority and privileges that pertain to the gospel ministry.

ATTENDANCE AT THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

WHEREAS, We have established the Theological Seminary for advanced and graduate study in Bible, religious history, Biblical languages, and Christian leadership, aiming to strengthen and help our educational work and the work of the ministry in all the world,

We recommend, 1. That the boards of our academies, colleges, and schools of nursing be asked to give earnest study to the matter of making provision for their Bible and history teachers to complete a course (requiring about four terms of nine weeks each) in the Theological Seminary.

2. That in order to strengthen the work of our younger ministers, the Ministerial Internship Policy be amended to provide for our younger ministers in North America who are, or who have been ministerial interns, to spend from nine to eighteen weeks of study in the Theological Seminary, some time after a year and a half of service and before the end of the fourth year of service, the workers to attend and the time when they are to attend to be determined by the committee of the local conference employing them; and that the Ministerial Internship Fund provide what is needed in addition to what the Seminary Travel Fund provides to cover the traveling expenses of these workers to and from the Seminary; and also in the case of those attending for nine weeks, \$38.25, and those attending for eighteen weeks

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,77.50, to provide for matriculation and library fees and the extra living expenses in Washington.

3. That in addition to the above provisions each conference in North America be encouraged to send to the Seminary one or more ministers for not less than one term each year.

CHURCH MANUAL

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP OF WORKERS:

We recommend, That the paragraph regarding the conference church on page 84 of the Church Manual be amended to read as follows:

Conference Church.--Isolated members should unite with the conference church, which is a body organized for the benefit of scattered believers who are otherwise without church privileges. Aged and infirm members who live adjacent to local church organizations should be members of the local church. It is the duty and responsibility of the local churches to minister to such people. Such members should not be transferred to the conference church, as it is not designed to function in the field occupied by the local churches. Although conference officers are the officers of the conference church, they should hold their membership in the church where they live. The conference church is not intended to provide a church home for conference workers. Ministers and workers should unite with the local church where they live.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

WHEREAS, Membership in the church of Christ is the most exalted, the most sacred spiritual relationship established by Christ for His sons and daughters in the earth; and

WHEREAS, There is a tendency on the part of some of our church members to lightly esteem this high and holy relationship by a careless disregard of the importance of keeping their membership in the church where they live and should attend, and by irregular attendance upon the services of the church as well as by a failure to loyally support the church program; therefore

Resolved, That all leaders and conference workers be encouraged to give more attention to instructing our church members everywhere as to the sacredness of this relationship to Christ and His body the church.

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DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

The Committee on Distribution of Labor presented its report, which was adopted as follows:

- We recommend, 1. That C.L.Torrey, returned from the Far Eastern Division, be invited to connect with the Central Union as manager of the Boulder Sanitarium.
2. That the Atlantic Union Conference and the New England Sanitarium be requested to release E.L.Place to connect with the Pacific Union and the Northern California Conference as business manager of the St. Helena Sanitarium.
3. That the Central Union Conference and the Wyoming Mission be requested to release R.J.Thomas to connect with the North Pacific Union for district and evangelistic work in the Montana Conference.
4. That the Atlantic Union and the New York Conference be requested to release F.H.Jenkins to connect with the Pacific Union for service in the Central California Conference; and that the Pacific Union and the Central California Conference be requested to release N.S.McLeod for service in the New York Conference.
5. That D.W.hunter, released from the call to the Southern Asia Division, be invited to connect with the Lake Union to labor in the Michigan Conference as Missionary Volunteer Secretary.
6. That the North Pacific Union and the Washington Conference be requested to release R.L.Hubbs to connect with the Atlantic Union as Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary.
7. That A.E.Nelson, returned from the Southern Asia Division, be invited to connect with the Pacific Union to make the Northern California Conference his field of labor.
8. That C.P.Crager, returned from the Inter-American Division, be invited to connect with the Southern Union to make the Georgia-Cumberland Conference his field of labor.
9. That V.W.Becker be released from the call to connect with the Far Eastern Division for labor in the Netherlands East Indies; and that he be invited to connect with the Atlantic Union for work in the Greater New York Conference as Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

Adjourned to 7:30 P.M., with the closing prayer by
W.E.Howell.

J.L.McElhany,
W.G.Turner, Chairmen.
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FIFTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 28, 1941, 7:30 P.M.

"There is a Blessed Hope" was sung to open the ninth session of the Council, at 7:30 P.M., October 28. Following a Scripture reading by Elder McElhany, W.B.Ochs offered prayer.

The following further recommendations from the General Conference Officers were adopted:

BIBLE STUDY FOR WORKERS AND
BIBLE STUDIES AT WORKERS' MEETINGS:

WHEREAS, Our pastors, district leaders, and conference workers generally are under a very heavy program in meeting their responsibilities and it is therefore easy for all to become so absorbed in the accessories of our profession that we neglect the diligent study of the Word; and

WHEREAS, The needs of the hour demand that our preachers shall be men who are "mighty in the Scriptures," and who can present the truth in a clear, accurate, and convincing manner;

We recommend, 1. That all our preachers set aside at least an hour a day for personal Bible study.

2. That in order to promote a renewed and more diligent study of the Bible, and to bring greater strength into our work, conference officials plan, in connection with all workers' meetings, to set aside one to two hours for searching the Scriptures as a part of every day's program, and that the leaders of such studies be notified long enough beforehand to make adequate preparation.

A further report from the Plans Committee was presented and adopted as follows:

PUBLICITY BUREAU:

WHEREAS, The possibilities of obtaining publicity for teachings and activities of the threefold message through the channels of the public press have been only partially explored and developed during the thirty-year lifetime of the General Conference Press Bureau; and

WHEREAS, There are channels of publicity in this field which promise large returns if more fully developed, and others that present unparalleled opportunities which we have not entered at all; therefore

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We recommend, That the Press Bureau strengthen its work, enlarge its activities, and reshape its organization along the lines and in the direction suggested in the following sections:

1. That it be given a new name and called "The Publicity Bureau."
2. That a full-time secretary be called to carry forward its work and put into operation these recommendations.
3. That our local conferences and institutions be requested to open the way for the secretary of the Publicity Bureau to carry forward an extensive series of half-day news writing institutes in as many of the larger churches as he may be able to reach.

REVIEW AND HERALD CIRCULATION:

WHEREAS, An adequate circulation of our church paper can be nothing less than a Review subscription for every family of believers using the English language; and

WHEREAS, A subscription list of at least 40,000 names is required for this ideal circulation; and

WHEREAS, The union conference making the best record in Review circulation this year, attaining a high of 99% of the every-family goal in the last circulation campaign and maintaining their lead throughout the year with a present circulation of 95%, used an easy payment plan without the spending of a single dollar for subscription subsidies;

We recommend, That wherever practicable an easy payment plan for Review subscriptions be used in local and union conferences in the December, 1941, campaign, the terms of payment by individuals to be governed by the Book and Bible Houses.

PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

WHEREAS, Statistics reveal that many of our children and youth are not now given the privileges of Christian education, and it is felt that there is great need of this phase of work receiving special promotion at this time,

We recommend, 1. That every endeavor be made to increase the circulation of the book "Education" among Seventh-day Adventist families in the North American Division, and as far as possible in other fields, and that with this in view the Pacific Press be requested to publish a specially priced edition of the book "Education."

2. That we request the Ministerial Association to use book "Education" in an early Ministerial Reading Course.

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3. That our ministers when conducting evangelistic efforts and in their ministry in the churches instruct believers in the Bible doctrine of Christian education with the same care which they use in teaching other vital truths.

4. That conference committees give special thought to the promotion of Christian education at workers' meetings and camp meetings.

5. That each conference in the North American Division establish one or more scholarships in teacher-training of from \$50 to \$100 each, to be made available at the discretion of the conference committee concerned to young people entering college who manifest interest in, and show promise of, becoming church school teachers, it being understood that young people accepting such scholarships enter into an agreement to work in the conference providing the scholarship.

The following recommendation from a subcommittee of a larger committee was adopted:

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE OF
CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS:

WHEREAS, There is a great need of increasing the promotion of Christian education in our churches; and

WHEREAS, The period of employment of our church school teachers is now only 38 weeks each year;

We recommend, That Clause 5 of the Church School Financial Policy on page 118 of the Working Policy booklet be revised to read as follows:

The regular annual period of employment for the church school teacher shall be forty weeks. It being understood that the extra two weeks be used by the teacher in visiting the parents and children of the church in the interest of promoting Christian education.

The following further report from the Plans Committee was adopted:

HOME STUDY INSTITUTE:

Promotion of Christian Education

We recommend, That young people who have finished all the grades offered by a church school and are not able to attend an academy, be encouraged to take a full school year of supervised ^{secondary} work through the Home Study Institute at the specially low rates offered to such pupils.

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Adult Education

WHEREAS, Christian education, in the large sense of the term, has to do with adults as well as children and youth, and the full development of individual talent and personality is most easily accomplished by pursuing suitable courses of study under the guidance of skilled teachers; and

WHEREAS, A large variety of attractive courses are offered by the Home Study Institute, and these courses can be successfully pursued even by very busy men and women who are willing to devote a few spare minutes daily to systematic study; therefore

We recommend, 1. That the members of our churches be encouraged to supply themselves with the new catalog of the Institute, and look over its pages thoughtfully with a view to finding something of special interest, such as the course in World History, or the one in Better English, or the courses in Bible Doctrines, Lay Preaching, Voice Culture, or Salesmanship, or the widely known course in the fine art of preparing and conducting Spirit-filled Bible studies in the homes of one's neighbors; and further

2. That ministers and other conference workers be encouraged to pursue advanced studies in Theology, in the Biblical Languages, and in the Social Sciences, not only to gain larger knowledge, but also to avoid intellectual stagnation, and be fully awake to the spiritual significance of present-day developments.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

WHEREAS, "The restoration and uplifting of humanity begins in the home," and "the success of the church depends upon home influences"; and

WHEREAS, "The Lord in His wisdom has ordained that the home shall be the greatest of all educational agencies," "the first school," and that "parents should be the only teachers of their children until" they have reached a proper age to enter the elementary school; and

WHEREAS, "Upon fathers as well as mothers rests a responsibility for the earlier as well as the later training of their children, and for both parents the need for preparation is most urgent," requiring that parents "receive a training for their sacred responsibilities"; and

WHEREAS, By action of the General Conference this work of home education has been recognized as the basic section of our educational system, and has now been placed under the care and direction of the Department of Education; therefore

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We recommend, 1. That the Department of Education proceed in its plans for the training of parents through correspondence courses and by organization of home education classes in the local Home and School Associations, encouraging and promoting through its field force the effectual education of parents in the principles and practice of Christian education in the home.

2. That our ministers be urged to take upon their hearts the great need on the part of parents for a better preparation for their work and responsibilities in the home, and that pastors and church officers earnestly promote and foster this work of home education in their churches.

3. That our people be called to strive for that higher excellence of character which is in Jesus our Lord and which will have its most effective ministry in the home; and that parents particularly, bearing their heavy burdens and facing their glorious opportunity, take advantage of the privilege thus offered them to receive training to be the teachers and ministers of their children, building in them the image of the divine.

"THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES":

WHEREAS, During the past year, for the first time in our denominational history, the Signs of the Times has reached and passed the long-hoped-for goal of 100,000 copies weekly, and now exceeds 136,000 copies weekly,

Resolved, That we express our heartfelt thanks to our heavenly Father for His manifest blessing upon our pioneer missionary journal, and pledge ourselves to endeavor still further to extend its circulation in the coming year.

SPANISH SCHOOL:

WHEREAS, For many years there has been need for a training school for Spanish workers; and

WHEREAS, An active interest among the Spanish-speaking people in Christian education has developed a school carrying elementary and academic work in the vicinity of Dixon, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Suitable land for such a school is available in that vicinity at moderate prices,

We recommend, 1 That the General Conference Executive Committee be asked to appoint a committee empowered to cooperate with the Southwestern Union Conference in carrying out plans for the establishment of a Spanish training school, with appropriate accommodations for Spanish students.

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2. That the Executive Committee give study to providing ways and means to assist the Southwestern Union in establishing and operating this school, it being understood that funds previously set aside in the Missions Extension Fund and from surpluses of the Bureau of Home Missions, be made available.

3. That the school be owned and operated by the Southwestern Union Conference.

MEDICAL COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Transfer of Key Workers

WHEREAS, The utmost cooperation among our denominational medical institutions is highly desirable;

We recommend, 1. That in calling physicians and other key workers from one medical institution to another the integrity of staffs already operating be respected, exceptions being made only after the subject has been taken up with the administration of the institution affected, through the regular channels.

Medical Missionary Activities

We recommend, 2. That our physicians be urged to study the ideals of medical work given us in the Spirit of prophecy and that we encourage them to take an active part in Sabbath services, health talks, and other activities which are a part of medical missionary work.

Recruiting Medical Workers for Institutions

WHEREAS, The maintenance and growth of our organized medical work requires a constant inflow of well trained and spiritually prepared physicians; therefore to secure the proper staffing of our medical institutions,

We recommend, 3. a. That the place of medical institutional work in our organized movement be held before the students in our medical college throughout their course of medicine and that to this end the medical college faculty be asked to arrange for visits and talks by our sanitarium and conference workers thus uniting with the faculty in educating and inspiring the students during their college and intern years to devote their lives to our denominational medical work.

b. That greater effort be made by our institutions with which the young physicians are connected to assist them in becoming adapted to our institutional work.

Medical Graduates

We recommend, 4. That our medical school faculty encourage the junior and senior classes to seek, as far as opportunities are available, internships and residencies of our own

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medical institutions, thereby saving many of our doctors for denominational service.

Recruiting of Nurses

WHEREAS, The maintenance and growth of the medical missionary nursing program require a constant inflow of well trained and spiritually prepared nurses,

We recommend, 5. That the place of the medical missionary work in our organized movement be held before the students in our schools of nursing throughout the basic professional course and that, to this end, the school of nursing faculties be asked to arrange for visits and talks by our sanitarium and conference workers, thus uniting with the faculty in educating and inspiring the students during their training years to devote their lives to medical missionary nursing.

Staff and Private Duty Nurses

WHEREAS, Many new fields of service are open to the graduate nurse today other than nursing service in the sanitarium; and

WHEREAS, It is recognized that the factors which make for satisfactory working relationships are also those which will attract qualified personnel to the nursing staff; and

WHEREAS, It is believed that adequate numbers of Christian nurses who desire to devote themselves to missionary nursing are essential to the plan of organized medical work in this denomination; and

WHEREAS, The qualified graduate nurse is a financial asset to the medical institution when she becomes a permanent member of the graduate nursing staff;

We recommend, 6. That general staff and private duty nursing in our institutions be regarded as desirable specialties and encouragement be given to the graduate nurse to enter these fields,--and that in turn the institutions include these groups, who are on the institutions' registry, as members of the institutional family and privileged as such to derive benefits available to all other sanitarium workers.

Operating Costs

WHEREAS, We are in a time of rapidly increasing costs and no one can accurately predict the future trend;

We recommend, 7. a. That careful study be given by each local institutional board to the question of increasing rates to patients.

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- b. That very diligent attention be given to collections.
- c. That efforts to educate our workers in the avoidance of waste be intensified in our institutions.
- d. That purchases of new and expensive equipment be avoided so far as possible during the present emergency.

A report from the Finance Committee was submitted, and being amended, was adopted as follows:

SUSTENTATION FUND POLICY REVISIONS:

We recommend, That the following revisions in the Sustentation Regulations be made:

1. That the regulation making it necessary for an organization recommending applicants to the fund to contribute to the fund the equivalent of the beneficiary's allowance for six months be discontinued, and that all reference to such contributions be eliminated from the Regulations Governing the Sustentation Fund, it being understood that this action shall become effective at once and apply in the cases of all beneficiaries whose allowances have not begun.

2. That the regulation relating to Special Duty Nurses be amended to read:

In the application of the fifteen year minimum continuous service provision for sustentation assistance, it is understood that special duty nurses in our medical institutions who put in a minimum of 225 days in actual work for the institution and who hold themselves available for further work as the needs of the institution demand are considered eligible for assistance provided the regular sustentation percentage has been paid on the wage lists, it being understood that a minimum of 225 days of employed time in any one year shall constitute a year of service in the computation of sustentation service credit.

3. That the regulation relating to the amount to be paid to the Fund by sanitariums be amended to read:

Sanitariums shall pay to the fund an amount equivalent to 3 per cent of their entire pay rolls, no deductions to be made from such pay rolls except for student nurses and for persons temporarily employed for construction work.

4. That the revision authorized in paragraph 3 become effective for the year 1941.

5. That the regulation relating to Child Allowance be amended to read:

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Beneficiaries of the Sustentation Fund having dependent children under eighteen years of age, may, if necessary, be granted a child allowance of \$9.00 a month for each child.

6. That paragraph No. 83 of the Regulations Governing the Sustentation Fund be amended by deleting the underscored words:

All applications from employees in institutions, whether local, union, divisional or General, should be made through the managing boards of these institutions to the conference in which the institution operates.

7. That paragraph No. 88 of the Regulations Governing the Sustentation Fund be amended by deleting the underscored words:

A beneficiary of the Sustentation Fund, engaging in any church or conference work, should notify the president of his local conference when proposing to move to another conference; and upon arrival in another conference he should immediately inform the president of the conference of his presence and of his desire to assist in some line of missionary or church work, and he should undertake such work only on the approval of the president of the conference.

8. WHEREAS, The Loma Linda Food Company has requested that a rate be set on which it should contribute to the Sustentation Fund,

We recommend, That the Loma Linda Food Company pay to the fund an amount equivalent to 3 per cent of its entire pay roll, except wages paid to students.

9. WHEREAS, Prior to 1941 the Loma Linda Food Company has been required by the Government to contribute to Social Security,

We recommend, That the Loma Linda Food Company be not required to make payments to the Sustentation Fund for the period of its operation prior to 1941 but that its payments begin with that year, and that employees of the Company be given credit for such time as they may have served the Company prior to 1941.

10. WHEREAS, There is need that careful study be given to our Sustentation Policy as it relates to the employment of individuals who have passed the age of thirty-five, and also to the relationship of our policy to the Social Security Act,

We recommend, That a committee be appointed by the Minority Committee which shall give this question careful and earnest study with a view to bringing in a recommendation at the 1942 Autumn Council.

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CHURCH EXTENSION FUND:

WHEREAS, The General Conference Working Policy relating to the Comeback Fund provides that any amount above \$100,000 which might accrue to the Church Extension Fund shall revert to the mission funds; and

WHEREAS, There are pressing needs for assistance on church buildings both at home and abroad which cannot be met from the funds now at our disposal,

We recommend, That 4 per cent of the Forty-cent-a-week Fund be devoted to the Church Extension Fund, and that the amount so accruing be not limited to \$100,000 as heretofore.

MISSIONS EXTENSION FUND:

WHEREAS, The Missions Extension program constitutes a fine opportunity for enlisting large numbers of our membership in active literature evangelism; and

WHEREAS, The present hour presents not only grave needs for increased financial support of our mission program, but also for deeper spiritual living on the part of our church members,

We recommend, 1. That Sabbath, May 2, 1942, be set apart as Missions Extension Offering Sabbath.

2. That we set our goal for North America at \$100,000, which shall be divided among certain specific projects as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

3. That our people be encouraged to engage in a mighty literature distribution program, and that the proceeds from the sale of books and magazines be devoted to missions.

d. That the individual goal of \$2.00 be retained as in former years.

HARVEST INGATHERING:

WHEREAS, It is necessary to have some definite time specified for the launching of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign and getting the promotion into the field;

We recommend, 1. That for North America we set the official date for the opening of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign to be August 1, 1942.

2. That every conference organization carry forward a vigorous campaign which will enlist all its working forces and successfully conclude the endeavor with the full amount of the goal in hand within eight weeks.

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3. That the basic goal remain the same as for 1941, but that North America's field goal for 1942 be \$1,000,000.

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH TREASURER:

We recommend, 1. That the section of the Church Manual entitled "The Church Treasurer," now appearing on pages 38-41, be revised to read as follows:

The Church Treasurer

"God has made the proclamation of the gospel dependent upon the labors and gifts of His people. Voluntary offerings and the tithe constitute the revenue of the Lord's work. Of the means intrusted to man, God claims a certain portion,--the tenth. He leaves all free to say whether or not they will give more than this."--Acts of the Apostles, p. 74.

The treasurer can greatly encourage faithfulness in the payment of tithe, and deepen the spirit of liberality on the part of church members. A word of counsel given in the spirit of the Master, will help the brother or sister to render faithfully to God His own in tithes and offerings, even in a time of financial stringency.

A Sacred Work.--The treasurer is elected to a very sacred task. He is the custodian of sacred money, such as tithe, foreign mission offerings, and other church funds. His books at the close of each year should show the total amount of all funds raised by the church. The tithe and the various funds for missions or other general work, should be remitted each month to the conference treasurer. No part of these funds should be held over from one month to another, but all should be promptly sent on to the conference office, to provide the necessary means for carrying forward the Lord's work in local, union, and General Conferences. Nor should he, or the church board, under any circumstances, borrow funds from any account held in trust, to pay any church expense; or divert any local church funds from the objective for which they were given, except as may be authorized by the church in regular business meeting, and with the consent of the subsidiary organization.

Church Treasurer the Custodian of All Church Funds

The church treasurer is the custodian of all church funds. He is the keeper of the tithe, all funds designated for foreign missions, and all conference funds as may be raised for institutional work, camp meeting purposes, etc. He should have the care of all collections and offerings, including church, Sabbath school, Missionary Volunteer Society, offerings for missionary work, Dorcas Society and other departments of the church. All funds belonging to the church, including donations to general

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church expense, building and repair funds, offerings for the poor and income from rentals and other sources, are kept in custody by the church treasurer in a bank account in the name of the church, and, except as hereinafter provided, are subject to disbursement only by vote of the church board at a regularly called meeting. The church treasurer shall pay from the church expense funds all bills for local church expense authorized by the church board, such as water, light, fuel, insurance, paving assessments, rentals, janitor, etc. He should be careful to secure a receipt for all bills paid. The funds of the Sabbath school, Missionary Volunteer Societies, Dorcas Society, funds of the church school, and all offerings for local church missionary work, while held in custody of the church treasurer in the church's bank account, are to be disbursed according to the following regulations:

Sabbath School Funds.--All Sabbath school offerings for missions are to be turned over to the church treasurer by the Sabbath school secretary-treasurer weekly, who shall keep a careful record of such offerings. Such mission funds are transmitted to the conference office as outlined on page _____ of the Church Manual [which is in process of revision]. Sabbath school expense funds are to be turned over to the church treasurer weekly, to be held in trust, subject to the orders of the Sabbath school council committee, to meet the routine expenses of the Sabbath school.

Missionary Volunteer Society Funds.--Missionary Volunteer Society funds have to do with both the senior and junior societies, and the funds of each society shall be kept separately on the church treasurer's books. Society offerings to missions and general church work, or to conference enterprises, shall be turned over to the church treasurer to be passed on to the conference treasurer. All funds contributed to society expense shall be turned over to the church treasurer to be held in trust for the society. All funds should be turned over to the church treasurer as soon as possible after they are received. The expense funds of the senior Missionary Volunteer Society shall be disbursed by the church treasurer on the order of the society executive committee. Expense funds of the junior society shall be disbursed on the order of the junior society superintendent.

The Church Missionary Secretary's Funds.--The First Sabbath Offering and all other offerings for local church missionary work shall be recorded by the church missionary secretary and turned over to the church treasurer to be held in trust. The disbursement of these funds, for recognized missionary work only, must be authorized by vote of the church board at any meeting of the board called in the regular way.

Moneys received by the church missionary secretary from individuals to pay for personal orders of literature, books, pamphlets, magazines, and subscriptions to our periodicals, shall be handled by the church missionary secretary, and remitted with the order to the Book and Bible House in payment for the literature, books, subscriptions, etc., ordered. At the close of each

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quarter the church missionary secretary shall make a report, indicating receipts and disbursements, to the church at its quarterly business meeting and provide a copy for the church treasurer.

Dorcas Society Funds.--The funds of the Dorcas Society are to be turned over to the church treasurer to be held in trust only, and shall be disbursed on order of the Dorcas Society.

Church School Funds.--The church treasurer should handle all church school funds. He receives these and disburses them on the order of the church school board.

Other Auxiliary Organizations.--The funds of any other auxiliary organization of the church shall be handled according to the policy outlined on page _____ of the Church Manual.

Proper Method for Payment of Money by Members.--The treasurer should insist that all money paid in by church members other than the regular church collection be placed in the regular tithe and offering envelopes, instructing each member to list the various items and amounts on the envelope as indicated, and to make sure that the money enclosed equals the total shown. The member should sign his name and give his address, and place the envelope on the offering plate or hand it to the treasurer. Envelopes should be preserved to serve as vouchers until the treasurer's accounts are checked by the conference auditor.

The members of the church should be instructed to make checks payable to "_____ Seventh-day Adventist Church," and should not be made in favor of any individual by name. For example, "Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church."

Receipts to Church Members.--A receipt should be issued promptly for all moneys received, no matter how small the amount, and a strict account of all receipts and payments should be kept by the church treasurer. All general offerings not in envelopes should be counted by the treasurer in the presence of another church officer, and receipt given to such officer.

Proper Method of Remitting Funds.--In sending remittances to the conference treasurer, all checks, bank drafts, or money orders should be made payable to the conference,--for example, "_____ Conference of Seventh-day Adventists," and should not be made in favor of any individual by name. The duplicate sheet from the church treasurer's book should be enclosed with the remittance. Remittance blanks are furnished by the conference.

A bank account should be opened in the name of the church. Treasurers should not keep the church funds in connection with their personal funds or private bank account, but an entirely separate account for the church should be kept.

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Preserving Vouchers.--Vouchers or receipted bills should be secured for all moneys disbursed, and a good way of preserving such vouchers is to paste them on the back of the original sheet in the treasurer's book opposite the page on which the entry is made. For example, if the entry is made on page 16, paste the voucher on the back of page 15. There will usually be ample space for these vouchers if they are lapped one over another. This method is safer and more convenient for the auditor than that of keeping them on a spike file, in a pigeonhole in a desk, or even in an envelope properly marked.

Books Should be Audited.--The conference treasurer, or some other individual appointed by the conference committee audits the church treasurer's books each year. The books and other records relating to the work of the treasurer may be called for and inspected at any time by the conference auditor or by the pastor, district leader, leading church elder, or by any others authorized by the church board, and should not be made available to unauthorized persons.

Reports of all funds received and disbursed should be presented at the regular business meetings of the church. A copy of these reports should be given to the leading church officers.

In reporting the number of tithe payers in the church, the wife and minor children who are non-wage earners, but are members of the church, should be counted as tithe payers, in addition to the head of the family, when he is known to be faithful in this respect.

Relations with Members Confidential.--The treasurer should always remember that his relations with individual church members are strictly confidential. He should be careful never to comment on the tithe paid by any member or upon his income or anything concerning it, except to those who share the responsibility of the work with him. Great harm may be caused by failure to observe this rule.

We recommend, 2. That paragraph No. 1, page 57 of the Church Manual be revised to read as follows:

The secretary-treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the receipts and disbursements of all funds raised by the Missionary Volunteer Society. All moneys for foreign missions and for the church shall be turned over to the church treasurer as soon as possible after it is collected. Local society expense funds shall also be turned over to the church treasurer to be held in trust until such time as its disbursement is ordered by the executive committee of the society. The financial records of the society shall be reviewed by the executive committee at least once each quarter, and audited once each year by the church treasurer.

L.H. Christian, Chairman.

H.T. Elliott,
A.W. Cormack, Secretaries.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FIFTY-FIRST MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 29, 1941, 8:00 A.M.

For the opening of the tenth session of the Council, at 8:00 A.M., Wednesday, October 29, Elder McElhany read part of the fifteenth chapter of Romans, beginning with the 20th verse. He called attention to Paul's experience in this chapter, and how at times God makes plans for us that are exactly contrary to the plans we have made for ourselves. God used Paul to preach the gospel mightily in Rome under circumstances that would have been impossible had Paul gone to Rome in accordance with his own plans. Beyond all that we can plan for ourselves, God is at work, working out his own divine purpose in our lives and in our ministry.

Prayer was offered by Frederick Griggs.

A final report from the Plans Committee was submitted, amended, and adopted as follows:

BIBLE WORKER CREDENTIALS:

We recommend, 1. That the former plan of distinctive Bible Worker Credentials be revived, and that these credentials be issued to all regular, full-time Bible workers in lieu of the present general Missionary License issued to various groups of workers.

2. That the determination of the form, title, and wording of these credential papers be referred to the General Conference Minority Committee.

MEDICAL CADET TRAINING:

WHEREAS, The establishment and development of our Medical Cadet Training, by which 7,000 of our men have been given thorough preparation and detailed training to serve their country in medical missionary lines in noncombatant units of the army, has met with a remarkably favorable reception on the part of army and government officials, newspaper editors, and the general public, resulting in our obtaining unusual courtesies and consideration in response to the requests we have made concerning the problems of our men in service, as well as making it easy to obtain Sabbath privileges for our men in army camps; and

WHEREAS, Many more of our men will be progressively called into military service, especially those in the younger age groups, and these should not go into military life without receiving if at all possible, the benefits of medical cadet training; therefore

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We recommend, That our conferences and institutions be encouraged to maintain strongly this excellent course of training, and promote it energetically, making it available to all in our churches who are likely to become subject to the draft during the present emergency.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY:

Union Religious Liberty Secretaries

WHEREAS, In these times the precious heritage of religious liberty is being threatened by political and international developments throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, In our own land attempts are constantly being made to introduce legislation that would result in destroying freedom of conscience and religious liberty; and

WHEREAS, There is now more than ever a need for educating our church members regarding the importance of exerting every effort to resist, by all proper methods, these attacks upon our liberties; and

WHEREAS, It is becoming increasingly important and necessary that there be representatives of the Religious Liberty Department throughout the field who shall have opportunity of developing ability in giving our church members the training and leadership so necessary in these perilous times, as well as gaining experience in making effective contacts with legislators,

We recommend, That in harmony with the action of the 1941 General Conference session, every union conference in North America give immediate attention where it has not already been done, to the appointment of a Religious Liberty Department Secretary with the understanding that while such secretaries may need to carry other responsibilities, it should be possible for them to give to the work of the Religious Liberty Department adequate time and attention; and further, that it be understood that it is urgently necessary for these secretaries to plan without delay to secure for themselves the preparation necessary to enable them to successfully promote and defend the principles of Religious Liberty.

Liberty Magazine

WHEREAS, The value of the Liberty Magazine in educating our own people, the general public, as well as legislators, in regard to the fundamental principles of religious liberty, has been abundantly demonstrated; and

WHEREAS, There is a continuing need for using this magazine as religious liberty missionary ammunition,

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We recommend, That each conference definitely plan to reach the goal of a subscription list equivalent to the church membership of the conference.

TEMPERANCE:

WHEREAS, The liquor traffic, through every means at its command, is destroying both the bodies and souls of men, women, and youth all about us in ever-increasing numbers, beyond anything this country has ever known; and

WHEREAS, The following instruction given to the church years ago is even more pertinent today:

"The honor of God, the stability of the nation, the well-being of the community, of the home, and of the individual, demand that every possible effort be made in arousing the people to the evil of intemperance. Soon we shall see the result of this terrible evil as we do not see it now. Who will put forth a determined effort to stay the work of destruction? As yet the contest has hardly begun. Let an army be formed to stop the sale of the drugged liquors that are making men mad. Let the danger from the liquor traffic be made plain, and a public sentiment be created that shall demand its prohibition. Let the drink-maddened men be given an opportunity to escape from their thralldom. Let the voice of the nation demand of its lawmakers that a stop be put to this infamous traffic."--
"Ministry of Healing," p. 346.

Resolved, 1. That we declare war anew on the liquor traffic, and sound a rallying call to arms in every church and conference, and that through the American Temperance Society, and our union and local conference committees, plans be laid immediately to carry on throughout North America a relentless struggle against the inroads of this nefarious business.

We recommend, 2. That our union and local conferences which have not already done so appoint temperance secretaries, and that wherever possible our churches be encouraged to organize temperance societies to promote the temperance work and to serve as avenues through which the American Temperance Society and union and local secretaries can function.

3. That our people be urged to cooperate in temperance campaigns with other temperance organizations in their local territories when opportunity offers, and that our youth, under experienced leadership, be encouraged to put on temperance programs in the public schools and in the young people's societies of other religious organizations, and that we encourage the use of temperance films on alcohol in connection with this educational program in our public work.

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4. That in our church activities and in our evangelistic efforts this interest be given more prominence by
- a. Temperance rally nights in evangelistic efforts.
 - b. Temperance films, printed broadsides, posters, and inexpensive literature, and articles in our evangelistic periodicals and magazines.
 - c. One quarter of the Sabbath school lessons in 1942 on temperance.
 - d. Extensive circulation of the temperance pledge.
 - e. Initiation, wherever possible, of local option or prohibition measures, placing the same upon the ballot.
5. That our workers be encouraged to write articles for the local newspapers, presenting in appropriate newspaper style the facts and statistics published in the Temperance Bulletins together with matters of local interest occurring in connection with the liquor traffic and liquor law violations.
6. That the American Temperance Society of Seventh-day Adventists do all in its power to enlighten the American people, and to arouse the public conscience regarding the imminent dangers which will sap the vitality and strength of the American Army if the liquor traffic is permitted to carry forward its iniquitous trade adjacent to army camps.

WHEREAS, Tobacco is an insidious narcotic poison, and a twin evil with liquor in dulling the brain, and should be banished from every home and from the hands of every youth and adult, particularly the marijuana cigarette, and other forms of dope, by which mind and body are ruined,

We recommend, 7. That a consistent and continuous educational endeavor be launched by which to persuade all to "touch not, taste not, handle not" tobacco and narcotics in any form whatsoever.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

Preservation of Harvest Ingathering Records

Believing that the work of Harvest Ingathering would be greatly facilitated, and that increasingly larger sums would be received from year to year, if a record were kept of donors who contribute liberally to this work,

We recommend, 1. That our conferences encourage our workers and church leaders to make complete lists of the names, addresses and other helpful information, of firms that make substantial contributions to the fund.

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2. That in the case of a transfer of the soliciting worker or member, these lists be recognized as denominational property to be confidentially preserved in either the conference or church office, and placed in the hands of succeeding solicitors.

3. That the General Conference Home Missionary Department provide suitable blanks upon which these permanent records may be kept.

Appeal for Wholehearted Consecration
for Service on the First Sabbath of 1942

WHEREAS, We are clearly informed that "God expects personal service from every one to whom He has entrusted a knowledge of present truth," and also that "He expects His church to discipline and fit its members for the work of enlightening the world;" and

WHEREAS, The reporting membership of the churches in North America, as a whole, has never exceeded 50%, which makes it imperative that the other 50% be enlisted as we enter upon a new year of unparalleled opportunities and responsibilities; therefore

We recommend, 1. That on the first Sabbath of 1942, which has been set apart as Home Missionary Day, the message ring from every pulpit summoning God's people to universal action, and that Elder J.L. McElhany's "Special Appeal to Every Church Member" be read in the churches on that day.

2. That a prayerfully planned effort be put forth, on the part of pastors and church officers, to enlist every member of the church as a volunteer in some line of study and service, as listed and explained on the individual enrolment card to be distributed in the churches on Sabbath, January 3.

3. That the personal support and cooperation of pastors and church officers in behalf of enlisting all our church members, be maintained throughout the weeks and months of the year, to the end that classes for intensive instruction be organized and kept in operation, and that the missionary leader and the class instructors be fully informed that their duty is not fulfilled until every individual is led from the class room in actual field service; thereby disciplining and fitting each member for wholehearted, efficient soul-winning service for the Master.

Bible Training Courses

WHEREAS, The Bible Training Class studies, as outlined and promoted by the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference for the benefit of the lay members of the church, have

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been the means of qualifying nearly three thousand lay Bible workers, whose service in the field has brought added strength and efficiency in lay evangelism,

We recommend, 1. That in every church throughout North America, and in Division fields as far as may be possible, the Bible Training Class work be maintained continuously, so that as one class completes the work and certificates are granted, another group may be ready to follow in the footsteps of the completing class members, thus keeping a full staff of lay Bible workers available to answer calls for such service.

2. That the attention of all who complete the Bible Service Training Class work be called to the advanced courses in Bible studies offered by the Community Bible School plan and to the excellent course for advanced students offered by the Home Study Institute.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION:

WHEREAS, Throughout this Council we have been the recipients of the constant courtesy and unstinted kindness of the officials and staff of the Battle Creek Sanitarium; therefore

Resolved, That we express to the Board and Staff of the Sanitarium, and particularly to A.H. Steinel, G.E. Judd, and others, who have so acceptably provided for our physical needs while here, our warmest appreciation and thanks.

WHEREAS, During this Council we have been so comfortably and conveniently accommodated in this beautiful and commodious building; therefore

Resolved, That we express to the Board and members of the Battle Creek Church our grateful appreciation of their hospitality.

WHEREAS, The Battle Creek Enquirer and News has opened its columns most generously to reports of this Council; therefore

Resolved, That we express to the editors and reporters of the Battle Creek Enquirer and News our sincere appreciation of their helpful cooperation in bringing this meeting to the attention of the citizens of this city.

REDUCTION AND ECONOMY IN PROMOTION MATERIAL AND REPORTS:

A committee that was appointed to give study to items on pages 13 and 15 of the Agenda, submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted:

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We recommend, 1. That the General Conference Committee be authorized to appoint a committee of eleven to give study to the possibilities of a substantial reduction and economy in the promotion material, statistical reports, etc., going from the General, union and local conferences to the field, as well as in the promotion material from the publishing houses to the local churches.

2. That this same committee of eleven give study to the simplification of departmental reporting systems as well as to the possibilities of spacing the promotion campaigns for various journals throughout the year so as to avoid overlapping of campaigns and confusion in the churches.

The following final report from the Finance Committee was adopted:

PROTECTION OF FUNDS FOR EVANGELISM:

WHEREAS, There is an urgent need for funds with which to put forth greater efforts in evangelism,

We recommend, That each union and local conference give careful study to the question of protecting their operating funds from dissipation by expenditures for non-essential purposes.

INCREASE OF NON-TITHE FUNDS:

We recommend, That approval and encouragement be given to conferences ^{regular} desiring to increase their non-tithe funds through the channel of monthly or quarterly offerings, or by encouraging members to contribute an extra percentage of their income for this purpose.

HARVEST INGATHERING FUNDS
IN BERMUDA AND NEWFOUNDLAND:

We recommend, That beginning with 1942 the Harvest Ingathering funds in Bermuda and Newfoundland be considered as revertible funds to be used locally in building up the work in these fields.

RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM:

WHEREAS, The Riverside Sanitarium has been insufficiently represented before the public; and

WHEREAS, Its patronage may be greatly enlarged by an increased activity along promotional lines,

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We recommend, That on a definite day to be appointed by the General Conference Committee, the colored constituency of North America be asked to contribute an annual offering to be used for advertising in the Message Magazine and other channels that may be deemed ethical and feasible by the Sanitarium Board.

GIFTS, ANNUITIES, AND TRUST AGREEMENTS:

We recommend, That the policy covering gifts, trust agreements and annuities as recorded on pages 129-131 of the present Working Policy booklet of the General Conference, be amended to read as follows:

Gifts, Trust Agreements and Annuities: Recognizing that changing financial and economic conditions throughout the world are bringing to our people great concern as to their property and investments; and considering seriously the shortness of time and the counsel of the Spirit of prophecy by which we are advised not to depend upon wills, except where necessary, but to secure our property to the cause while living; therefore

1. Our people should be encouraged to make liberal gifts of their means to the immediate furtherance of this closing work.

2. In addition to making large immediate contributions of their means while living, our people should favorably consider the trust agreement or annuity contract plan in the disposition of their property as they endeavor to secure it to the cause of God.

3. a. Those writing trust agreements or annuity contracts are hereby instructed to secure these funds to be divided on the following basis:

One third to the General or Division Conference.

One third to the union conference.

One third to the local conference of which the donor or annuitant was a member when the agreement was entered into.

The only exception to this to be, where the person requests that his funds be used for a specific purpose.

b. When the gift is given to our general denominational work by a trust agreement or an annuity contract and no specific enterprise or purpose is specified, no credit shall be given to the local conference on its Forty-cent-a-week Fund for the one third of the residuum accruing to the General Conference upon the maturity of the contract.

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c. When the gift is given to foreign missions on a trust agreement or annuity contract basis the residium shall, upon the maturity of the agreement or contract, be paid to foreign missions and credit given on the Forty-cent-a-week Fund to the local conference in which the donor lived at the time the agreement or contract was entered into.

d. When the gift is given to some definite or specific mission project or purpose or to foreign missions without deduction on a trust agreement or annuity contract basis, the residium shall, upon maturity of the trust agreement or annuity contract, be paid to foreign missions for the purpose specified and no credit be given to the local conference on the Forty-cent-a-week Fund.

4. The funds or property received through the trust agreement or annuity contract plan shall not be used for increasing capital, nor shall it be absorbed in the operation of institutions or conferences until maturity. Money received by the General Conference, divisions or union conferences in the North American Division, either through trust agreements, or annuity contracts shall be invested by the organization receiving it through its treasury department in readily convertible securities that are recognized as a proper investment for trust funds, or, where Federal and state laws permit, may be applied on regular note indebtedness in the same proportion that such moneys accrue to the writer of the trust agreement or annuity contract.

5. Experience has shown that trust agreements or annuity contracts should not be written for small amounts, especially when the donor depends upon the income from such instrument or instruments for his or her livelihood, or when the donor is under sixty years of age.

6. For the security of all parties concerned, only the following organizations are authorized to write trust agreements and annuity contracts: The General Conference; its division organizations in counsel with the General Conference; the union conferences in North America; and the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Within the union conferences of the North American Division, all such agreements or contracts coming to the attention of local conference or institutional workers shall be referred to the General Conference or union conference for the writing of the agreement or contract and the making of the investments.

We further recommend, That the General Conference Treasury Department be requested to arrange for the preparation of a simplified compilation of requisites for the writing of trust agreements to be placed in the hands of the organizations authorized to write such agreements.

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WAGE SCALE:

The following report from the Committee on Revision of the Wage Scale was adopted:

We recommend, 1. That the General Conference Wage Scale be revised using the schedule of 1929, to become effective as of October 1, 1941, it being understood that institutions affected by the Federal or State wage and hour law make adjustments in the wages of their workers as nearly in harmony with the provisions of the General Conference Wage Scale as possible.

<u>Groups of Workers</u>	<u>Mini-</u> <u>mum</u>	<u>Maxi-</u> <u>mum</u>
General Conference President	\$	\$43.00
General Conference Secretary		42.00
General Conference Treasurer		42.00
General Conference Vice-Presidents		
General Conference Associate Secretaries		
General Conference Undertreasurer	38.00	42.00
General Conference and Division Field Secretaries		
General Conference Office Secretary		
General Conference Assistant Treasurers		
General Conference Auditor and Associates		
General Conference Department Secretaries and Associates		
Division Secretaries and Treasurers		
Statistical Secretary		
Union Conference Presidents		
Senior College Presidents		
Superintendents of Medical Institutions		
General Managers large Publishing Houses		
Chief Editors Major Periodicals	34.00	41.00
General Conference and Division Assistant Auditors		
Division Department Secretaries		
Union Conference Secretary-Treasurers		
Union Conference Auditors		
Union Conference Department Secretaries		
Local Conference Presidents		
Business Managers of Medical Institutions		
Senior College Business Managers		
Staff Physicians of Medical Institutions		
Publishing House Managers		
Publishing House Treasurers		
Publishing House Factory Superintendents		
Publishing House Book Department Managers	30.00	39.00

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Publishing House Periodical Department Managers		
Junior College Presidents		
Senior College Department Heads (Men)		
Branch Publishing House Managers	30.00	39.00
Ordained Ministers		
Senior College Assistant Business Managers and Treasurers		
Academy Principals	28.00	37.00
Local Conference Treasurers		
Local Conference Book and Bible House Secretaries		
Local Conference Department Secretaries (Men)		
Publishing House Foremen	20.00	37.00
Junior College Department Heads (Men)		
Junior College Assistant Business Managers		
Assistant Business and Credit Managers of Medical Institutions		
Purchasing Agents of Medical Institutions	18.00	34.00
Licensed Ministers		
Bible Workers (Men)		
Directors of Schools of Nursing		
Assistant Directors of Schools of Nursing		
Supervisors of Instruction of Schools of Nursing		
Senior College Department Heads (Women)	18.00	30.00
Bible Workers (Women)		
Directors of Nursing Services		
Assistants to Directors of Nursing Services		
Supervisors of Clinical Services		
Head Nurses of Medical Institutions		
Matrons of Medical Institutions		
Preceptresses of Medical Institutions		
College Matrons		
Local Conference Department Secretaries (Women)		
Office Secretaries (Women)	15.00	28.00
Stenographers (Women)		
Church School Teachers	15.00	25.00

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The following groups of Workers are referred to their respective committees and boards for audit within the limit of the given rates, according to experience ability, responsibilities:

Clerks of all Organizations	12.50	35.00
Publishing House Factory Workers		
Proof Readers	or hour rate	
Nurses and Helpers of Medical Institutions		
Assistant Editors		
Miscellaneous Workers	.20	.80

2. That this wage scale apply in principle in all the world, it being understood that the committee of each division field will make a wage scale for its territory in terms of local currency, and in harmony with the living costs and standards of the people of their respective territories.

3. That in placing the wage of officers and other leaders at a low rate, we recognize our inability, in justice to the rank and file of workers, to give more than nominal reward in remuneration to those who carry responsibility of leadership.

4. We recommend, That this wage scale be strictly adhered to, and that no bonuses, special holiday allowances, year-end, or other special appropriations of any kind be made, except in cases of emergency or serious illness.

Minimum and Maximum Rates

That in view of the wide range in training and experience of men and women in many of the classifications listed in this schedule, and inasmuch as minimum and maximum rates have been stated for these different classes,

We recommend, 5. That men and women beginning their service be rated at or near the minimum and gradually advanced in harmony with the responsibility involved and efficiency developed, and that workers be not regarded as eligible to a maximum rating until they have had successful experience in their specific work over a period of years.

6. That the wages of young men starting in the work as secretaries of departments be audited the same as young men starting in the ministry, and that they be advanced according to their development, about equally.

Supplementary Rate to Physicians

7. That in view of the heavy expense incurred in their education, and of the necessity of keeping in touch with latest methods of operating practice, the rate for sanitarium superintendents, and staff physicians be supplemented, according to the

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experience and service of the physician, by an amount not less than 10 per cent and not more than 30 per cent of the rate named in the wage scale for their respective classes.

a. That in interpreting this provision for supplementary rate, our sanitarium boards shall set the rate of male staff physicians for the first year after internship at a base rate of \$30.00, plus a supplementary rate of from 10 to 15 per cent, according to environment.

b. That the rate for second-year/ ^{male} staff physicians be a base rate of \$33.00, and a supplementary rate of from 10 to 15 per cent, according to environment.

c. That the boards in holding to this schedule for first and second-year staff physicians and medical superintendents, take into consideration any previous experience in the service of the cause that medical workers in these classes may have had prior to their qualifying as physicians.

d. That it be left to managing boards to set the rate of physicians on a graduated scale according to years of service and efficiency, the maximum base rate of \$41.00 plus 30 per cent supplementary rate, making a net rate of \$53.50 in the case of medical superintendents, and a base rate of \$39.00 plus 30 per cent supplementary rate, making a net rate of \$50.70 in the case of staff physicians, this rate to be paid only in exceptional cases of experience and need.

We recommend, 8. The following revised rates for Ministerial Interns:

	First Year	Second Year
Married Men	\$18.00 - \$22.00	\$22.00 - 25.00
Unmarried Men	15.00 - 17.00	17.00 - 20.00
Bible Workers	12.00 - 15.00	15.00 - 17.00

We recommend, 9. That the Sustentation Scale of Allowances be increased by 10% with effect from October 1, 1941.

EXCHANGE RATES FOR 1942:

We recommend, That the fixed rates of exchange for mission transactions for 1942 be the same as in 1941, except for the following adjustments:

Manchukuo	18 cents
Venezuela -- Bolivar	29 cents

The rates for 1942, therefore, are as follows:

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<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Exchange Rate</u> <u>1942</u>
Australasian	Australian £	3.60
Central Europe		
Germany	Reichsmark	.24
Holland	Florin	555
China		
Hongkong	Hongkong \$.25
China	Shanghai \$.09
Manchukuo	yen	.18
Far East		
British North Borneo	B N B \$.51
Sarawak	sarawak	.51
French Indo China	piaster	.025
Japan and Chosen	yen	.25
Netherlands East Indies	florin	.55
Philippine Islands	peso	.50
Siam	tical	.35
Straits Settlements	Singapore \$.51
General Conference Missions		
Bulgaria	leva	.01204
Egypt	Egyptian £	4.50
Greece	drachma	.0085
Iran	rial	.06
Iraq	dinar	4.50
Palestine	Palestine £	4.50
Syria	Syrian £	.50
Turkey	Turkish £	.72
Inter-America		
Bahamas	English £	4.50
Barbados	dollar	.90
British Guiana	dollar	.90
British Honduras	dollar	1.00
Colombia	peso	.58
Costa Rica	colon	.18
Cuba	peso	1.00
Curacao	florin	.55
French West Indies	French franc	.025
Guatemala	quetzal	1.00
Haiti	gourde	.20
Jamaica	pound	4.50
Mexico	peso	.22
Nicaragua	cordoba	.21
Panama	balboa	1.00
Puerto Rico	peso	1.00
Salvador	colon	.40
Santo Domingo	peso	1.00
Spanish Honduras	lempira	.50
Trinidad	dollar	.90
Venezuela	bolivar	.29

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<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Exchange Rate</u>
Northern Europe		
British Isles	pound	4.50
Gold Coast	pound	4.50
Kenya	pound	4.50
Liberia	dollar (Tied \$)	
Nigeria	pound	4.50
Sierra Leone	pound	4.50
Uganda	pound	4.50
Denmark	kroner	.20
Estonia	kroner	.26
Finland	markka	.02
Iceland	kroner	.1671
Latvia	lat	.1855
Lithuania	lit	.161
Norway	kroner	.225
Sweden	kroner	.24
Cameroons	French franc	.025
South America		
Argentina	peso	.25
Bolivia	bolviniano	.03
Brazil	milreis	.06
Chile	peso	.04
Ecuador	sucre	.075
Peru	sol	.19
Uruguay	peso	.42
Southern Africa		
Angola	angolare	.04
Belgian Congo	Belgian franc	.0339
Northern Rhodesia	pound	4.50
Nyasaland	pound	4.50
South African Union	pound	4.50
Southern Rhodesia	pound	4.50
Tanganyika	shilling	.225
Southern Asia		
India, Burma, Ceylon	rupee	.33-1/3
Southern Europe		
Belgium	Belgian franc	.0339
France	French franc	.025
Hungary	pengo	.20
Italy	lira	.05265
Yugoslavia	dinar	.0215
Mauritius	rupee	.33-1/3
Portugal	escudo	.04
Rumania	lei	.0075
Spain	peseta	.11
Switzerland	Swiss franc	.23

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We recommend, That the Minority Committee be authorized to adjust any of the fixed rates of exchange in case special emergency arises in any field which may produce a wide difference between the current and fixed rates of exchange as compared to the rates prevailing at the time this action was taken

COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS:

In view of the financial need of the College of Medical Evangelists as presented at this Council, and in view of the fact that the adoption of a new wage scale will throw upon the institution an added burden of approximately \$20,000 annually in connection with its teaching staff,

We recommend, That the question of bringing assistance to meet this added burden be referred to the Minority Committee for study and that the Committee be authorized to provide the necessary assistance from available funds which may be properly used for this purpose, thus making unnecessary further fractional percentage increases in the funds provided by conferences and institutions for the benefit of the College.

TITHE PAYING BY INSTITUTIONS:

WHEREAS, The General Conference Working Policy provides that the income of the General Conference shall include: "A tithe of the profits of publishing houses, sanitariums, and other profit-earning institutions which are under the control of the General Conference, or which because of the character of their work, have more than local influence and responsibility," (G.C. Working Policy, p. 15); and

WHEREAS, We believe it would bring a blessing to institutions bearing a similar relationship to local and union conferences if they were to pay a tithe of their profits to the organization under whose control they conduct their work; therefore

We recommend, That the principle of tithe paying by institutions be extended to local and union institutions, and that all such institutions earning a net profit exclusive of subsidies pay a tithe on such net profit to the union or local conference under whose control they operate.

DISCONTINUING SERVICES OF TRIED AND EXPERIENCED WORKERS:

A question concerning discontinuing the services of tried and experienced workers was brought forward, but inasmuch as there had not been time to give the matter study, it was

VOTED, To refer the matter to the Minority Committee for study, and to bring a recommendation to the next Autumn Council.

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OVERSEAS DIVISION CALLS
FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE HELP:

VOTED, That the item on the Agenda, Overseas Calls for General Conference help, be referred to the Committee in Washington.

1942 AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That the date for the 1942 Autumn Council be October 20-28.

HINSDALE SANITARIUM REQUEST:

VOTED, To refer item 20 on the Agenda, Hinsdale Sanitarium request, to the Minority Committee for action.

AUDITING COMMITTEE:

In harmony with the Constitutional provision, the following named persons were appointed a committee, to audit the accounts of General Conference workers: The officers of the General Conference, J.J.Nethery, E.H.Oswald, R.L.Benton, J.K.Jones, L.K.Dickson, H.J.Detwiler, J.F.Piper, M.L.Rice, E.L.Neff, W.B.Ochs, C.M.Bunker, H.W.Walker, T.E.Unruh, J.W.Turner, D.S.Osgood, W.B.Mohr, O.T.Garner, F.W.Peterson.

THE BUDGET:

The report of the Budget Committee was presented, and adopted as follows:

We recommend, That the estimated income for appropriations from the mission treasury to overseas and North American Division fields for 1942 be as follows:

Regular General Conference income	\$3 424 816 31
General Conference operating reserve	694 448 99
Midsummer Offering	32 835 02
Church Extension Funds	110 000 00
Total estimated funds for Base and Special Appropriations for 1942	<u>4 262 100 32</u>

We recommend, 1. That the regular base appropriations for 1942 be as follows:

Australasia	9 000 00
Central European Division(Netherlands Conf)	3 300 00
China	341 200 00
Far East	333 800 00
General Conference Missions	146 800 00
Inter-America	257 800 00
Northern Europe	68 200 00
South America	278 200 00
Southern Africa	373 500 00

Southern Asia	350 000 00
Southern Europe	185 000 00
Canada	35 000 00
North Pacific (Alaska)	1 200 00
Pacific (Hawaii)	3 500 00
Southwestern Union	9 000 00
North American Negro	
Southern Union Mission	28 800 00
Southwestern Union Mission	11 200 00
Oakwood Junior College	14 000 00
Riverside Sanitarium & Hospital	13 500 00
S.D.A.Theological Seminary	31 400 00
Bureau of Home Missions	95 800 00
College of Medical Evangelists	10 000 00
E.G.White Publications	6 600 00
Miscellaneous and Fixed	485 068 47
Administration	332 947 84

Total regular budget	3 424 816 31
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2. That special appropriations be as follows:

China Division

Evangelistic Fund	NC	90 000 00
Fund for publication of tracts	"	18 000 00
West China Training School oper'ing"	"	18 000 00
N.W. China Tr.School operating	"	27 000 00
Evacuation Expense	"	360 000 00
South China Tr.School dormitory	HK	60 000 00
Chungking Clinic	NC	36 000 00
Yunnan Tribal Work	"	72 000 00
Other projects in Free China	"	180 000 00
Sp. bonus for national workers		450 000 00
Approximate total, China Division		<u>\$84 500 00</u>

Far Eastern Division

Evangelistic Fund	SS\$	20 000 00
Manila Sanitarium	P	10 000 00
Philippine Union, equipment for new union office	P	4 000 00
Boat, New Guinea	Fl.	900 00
Evacuation Expense	SS\$	10 000 00
Removal of publishing house to college site	P	15 000 00
Mindanao Training School	P	11 000 00
Medical Equipment Java	Fl.	3 000 00
Medical Equipment Siam	T	6 000 00
North Celebes School	Fl.	9 000 00
Increase in travel	SS\$	<u>20 000 00</u>

Approximate total, Far Eastern Division	\$54 095 00
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General Conference Missions			
Evangelistic Fund	US\$	3 500 00	
Transportation to field, 3 families and 3 single workers to Ethiopia and Dr Essery to Iraq	L	3 480-0-0	
Ethiopia, buildings and equip.	"	4 444-8-0	
Iraq, Med. Bldg. & equipment	D	<u>2 222-4-0</u>	
Approximate total G.C.Mis.			\$49 159 70
Inter-American Division			
Evangelistic Fund	US\$	10 000 00	
Emergency travel	"	5 000 00	
Antillian Union:			
School, boys' dormitory	P	10 000 00	
Teachers' cottage	"	1 500 00	
Furniture and equipment	"	3 500 00	
Colombia-Venezuela, school dormitory, cottage, etc.	"	12 000 00	
Mexican School	"	<u>70 000 00</u>	
Approximate total Int-Am.Div.			\$52 360 00
Northern European Division			
Evangelistic fund, African Mis.	US\$	3 000 00	
War bonus	"	32 000 00	
African Missions:			
Gold Coast to complete school Bldgs	L	70-0-0	
Liberia, repairs on properties	"	133-10-0	
Nigeria, rest house at Jos	"	300-0-0	
No. Cameroons, literature in Fulfulde language	FFr	5 000 00	
Special projects as may be allocated by Gen. Conf. Minority Committee and Northern European Division in counsel	US\$	<u>25 000 00</u>	
Approximate total Northern European Division			\$62 390 00
South American Division			
Evangelistic Fund	P	40 000 00	
Austral Union:			
Chillan Training School	"	140 000 00	
Pilar Junior School	"	160 000 00	
East Brazil Union:			
Academy buildings		90:000\$000	
Office Building Pernambuco		10:000\$000	
Inca Union:			
Juliaca School Truck	S	6 500 00	
Clinic Iquitos	"	18 000 00	
South Brazil Union:			
Rio Grande do Sul Academy		40:000\$000	
Brazil Junior College Chapel		25:000\$000	
" " " Well		<u>25:000\$000</u>	
Approximate total, South American Division			\$71 655 00

Southern African Division			
Evangelist Fund	L	2 900-0-0	
Academy at Capetown	"	2 222-4-0	
Congo Union:			
Home for workers, new mission			
West Congo	BF	100 000 00	
Equipment for missions	"	30 000 00	
Southeast African Union:			
School building, Malamulo	L	500-0-0	
Hospital Wards "	"	600-0-0	
Dormitories, Tekerani and Matandani	"	350-0-0	
Tanganyika:			
School buildings, various missions	"	750-0-0	
Boat, Lake Victoria	"	350-0-0	
Zambesi Union:			
School building, Songa	"	350-0-0	
" " Rusangu	"	500-0-0	
Kenya, buildings and equipment	"	1 000-0-0	
Uganda, buildings and equipment	"	1 000-0-0	
St. Helena, opening work	"	500-0-0	
Southwest Africa, opening work	"	<u>1 000-0-0</u>	
Approximate total,			
Southern African Division			\$58 056 90
Southern Asia Division			
Evangelistic Fund	Rs	30 000-0-0	
Spicer College	"	50 000-0-0	
Assam school	"	10 000-0-0	
Burma medical	"	10 000-0-0	
Burma station	"	10 000-0-0	
Ceylon mission headquarters	"	30 000-0-0	
Emergency travel	"	<u>30 000-0-0</u>	
Approximate total			
Southern Asia Division			\$56 666 66
Southern European Division			
Evangelistic Fund	SF	40 000 00	
Special projects as may be allocated by the Minority Committee and the Southern European Division in counsel	"	200 000 00	
War bonus	"	<u>140 000 00</u>	
Approximate total, Southern European Division			<u>\$87 400 00</u>
Total foreign special appropriations, approximately			\$576 284 01

3. That special appropriations to North America be made as follows:

Atlantic Union:		
Atlantic Union College		
Recreation Building		7 500 00
Canadian Union:		
Canadian Jr. College, land	3 000 00	
Resthaven, old accounts	5 000 00	
Debt paying	<u>20 000 00</u>	28 000 00
Central Union:		
Union College, Heating Plant		5 000 00
Columbia Union:		
Sligo Church Project		15 000 00
Lake Union:		
Emmanuel Missionary College,		
Administration Building		7 500 00
North Pacific Union:		
Walla Walla College		
Library and Chapel		7 500 00
Southwestern Union:		
Southwestern Jr. College		5 000 00
Radio Broadcasting		60 000 00
Madison College		8 000 00
General Conference Pub. Dept.		
Colporteur Subsidies		5 000 00
Ephesus Church, New York City		<u>2 500 00</u>
Total special		
appropriations to		
North America		151 000 00
Total special appropriations,		
approximately		727 284 01
Total estimated regular and		
special appropriations		4 152 100 32.

4. That the following appropriations for 1942 be made from the Church Extension Fund to the overseas and North American Divisions:

OVERSEAS:

China Division:

To be allocated by the G.C. Minority Committee and Division Division in counsel	N. C.	84 000 00
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Far Eastern Division:

Malang, N.E.I.	Fl.	3 800 00
Palaembang, Sumatra	SS	4 700 00
Iligan, P.I.	P/	1 600 00
Zamboanga, P.I.	P/	1 000 00
Manila, P.I.	P/	2 400 00

Inter-American Division:

Sonsonate, Salvador	C.	5 000 00
Curacao	Fl.	3 600 00
Bogota	P.	8 700 00

Northern European Division:

Accra, Gold Coast	L	100 00
Kakota meeting hall, Liberia	L	25 00
Southeast Mission, Nigeria	L	100 00

South American Division:

Bello Horizonte, E. Brazil		42:000
Braz, Sao Paulo		33:000
Cordoba, Argentina	Arg.P.	10 000 00

Southern African Division:

Mbeya, Tanganyika	Sh.	7 000 00
Bonga Mission, Angola	Ang.	28 125 00
Orlando, Johannesburg, native	L	500 00
Johannesburg, colored	L	888 00

Southern Asia Division:

Old Delhi	Rs.	50 000 00
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Southern European Division:

Berne	Sf.	40 000 00
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General Conference Missions

	\$	<u>1 500 00</u>
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Total appropriations to overseas divisions from the Church Extension Fund, approximately

	\$	66 000 00
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NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION:

Atlantic Union:

Brooklyn, N.Y., colored	\$6 000 00	
Hempstead, N.Y.	2 000 00	
Buffalo, English	500 00	
Buffalo, colored	<u>500 00</u>	9 000 00

Canadian Union:

Winnipeg, English	800 00	
Calgary	1 000 00	
Inniefree, Ukr.	400 00	
Montreal	<u>500 00</u>	2 700 00

Central Union:

Kansas City, Mo.	4 000 00	
Kansas City, Mo., colored	<u>2 000 00</u>	6 000 00

Columbia Union:

Cleveland, No. 1	1 000 00	
Oberlin, O., colored	500 00	
Eldred, Pa.	300 00	
Laurel, Md.	1 000 00	
Harrisburg, Pa.	300 00	
Media, Pa.	300 00	
Mount Holly, N.J.	300 00	
Englewood, N.J., colored	<u>200 00</u>	3 900 00

Lake Union:

Milwaukee	2 500 00	
Lafayette, Ind.	1 000 00	
Evansville, Ill., colored	500 00	
Grand Rapids, Mich.	<u>500 00</u>	4 500 00

Northern Union:

Fargo, N.D.	750 00	
International Falls, Minn.	600 00	
Washington, Iowa	300 00	
Newton, Iowa	350 00	
Detroit Lakes, Minn.	<u>650 00</u>	2 650 00

North Pacific Union:

Roseburg, Ore.	750 00	
Nome, Alaska	750 00	
Havre, Mont.	750 00	
Montavilla, Ore.	1 250 00	
Bremerton, Wash.	<u>1 000 00</u>	4 500 00

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Southern Union:

Natchez, Miss.	500 00	
Greenville, Miss., colored	500 00	
Heminway, S.C., colored	150 00	
Sanford, Fla.	300 00	
Louisville, Ky., colored	<u>2 000 00</u>	3 450 00

*Pacific Union:

Long Beach, Calif.		4 000 00
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Southwestern Union:		
Portales, Texico	500 00	
Borger, Texico	250 00	
Big Springs, Texico	250 00	
Sweetwater, Okla	200 00	
Nowata, Okla.	300 00	
Ada, Okla.	300 00	
Baton Rouge, La.	<u>1 500 00</u>	<u>3 300 00</u>

Total appropriations from the Church Extension Fund to the North American Division		<u>44 000 00</u>
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Total appropriations from the Church Extension Fund, approximately		\$110 000 00
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Appropriations for 1942;

Base, all divisions		3 424 816 31
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Specials, approximately

Overseas	576 284 01	
North America	<u>151 000 00</u>	727 284 01

Church Extension:

Overseas	66 000 00	
North America	<u>44 000 00</u>	110 000 00

Revertible Funds:

Overseas, Basis 1940	687 049 28	
North America, Basis 1940	<u>489 006 58</u>	<u>1 176 055 86</u>

Total appropriations for 1942, including reversions, 1940 basis		5 438 156 18
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5. That the Treasurer be authorized to increase the reserves of the General Conference equivalent to 40 per cent of the total of regular and special appropriations of the preceding year.

6. That the percentage paid by the General Conference from the mission receipts to the Sustentation Fund be reduced by one per cent, and that the said one per cent of mission receipts be set up in a fund for use as an aid in placing and supporting workers returned from mission service and those released from General Conference responsibility.

The report of the Budget Committee was adopted by a standing vote, and the Chairman asked God's blessing on the funds that are to be disbursed, and upon the men who will have the responsibility of handling this large amount of money, as well as upon those from whom these funds will come.

The Council adjourned sine die, and the benediction was pronounced by F.M.Wilcox.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.
E.D.Dick, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

--General Conference Committee,
Oct. 29, 1941. (Autumn Council)

FIFTY-SECOND MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Michigan, October 29, 1941, 1:30 P.M.

The meeting was held in the sixth floor hall of the Battle Creek Sanitarium.

PRESENT:

J.L. McElhany, W.H. Branson, L.H. Christian, W.G. Turner, J.F. Wright, V.T. Armstrong, E.D. Dick, A.W. Cormack, H.T. Elliott, T.J. Michael, W.H. Williams, H.H. Cobban, W.E. Howell, J.A. Stevens, Dr. W.A. Ruble, C.B. Haynes, E.L. Neff, L.K. Dickson, W.B. Ochs, F.A. Mote, C.L. Bond, J.J. Strahle, E.H. Oswald, M.E. Kern, M.A. Hollister, W.C. Raley, F.C. Gilbert, H.D. Casebeer, L. Halswick, Meade MacGuire, J.J. Nethery, Miss Lois Burnett, O. Montgomery, G.A. Campbell, S.A. Wellman, G.A. Roberts, O.A. Hall, H.A. Morrison, K.H. Wood, D.A. Ochs, Claude Conard, G.E. Nord, R.A. Anderson, M.C. Taft, Glenn Calkins, L.E. Froom, J.F. Piper, R.L. Benton, M.L. Andreasen, H.M. Blunden, W.E. Phillips, M.L. Rice, J.K. Jones, A.N. Nelson, W.A. Bergherm, Paul Knudsen, F. Griggs, W.E. Murray, M.V. Tucker, M.D. Howard, E.N. Lugenbeal.

Prayer by M.V. Tucker.

SPANISH SCHOOL--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, To refer to the Committee in Washington the appointment of the Committee on cooperation with and financial assistance to the Southwestern Union in connection with the establishment of the Spanish school.

MISS MAUDE CRUMP--POTOMAC CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference the call from the Columbia Union for Miss Maud Crump to connect with the Potomac Conference as Bible worker

M.D. HOWARD--SOUTHERN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to M.D. Howard, returned from the China Division, the invitation to connect with Southern Junior College, as assistant business manager, treasurer, and purchasing agent.

R.C. SHARMAN--ALBERTA:

VOTED, To pass on to R.C. Sharman, returned from the Southern African Division, the call from the Canadian Union to connect with the work in the Alberta Conference.

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ADVERTISING DEFENSE
SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS:

Counsel was sought relative to responding to the request of the United States government for the printing of advertisements for Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps in our denominational papers, and it was

VOTED, That we see no objection to complying with this request.

DATES OF UNION CONFERENCE SESSIONS:

VOTED, That dates for the coming union conference sessions in North America be set as follows:

North Pacific Union, January 12-18.
(Medical College and Pacific Press, January 20-27).
Southwestern Union, February 3-8.
Pacific Union, February 9-12.

Columbia Union, February 16-25.
Southern Union, March 1-6.
Atlantic Union, March 30-April 2.

Central Union, February 17-22.
Northern Union, February 23-26.
Lake Union, March 18-23.

Canadian Union, March 3-16.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments and itineraries:

W.H. Teesdale, Southwestern Union, teachers' institute, November 10-27. Enterprise Academy, Kansas, en route to Southwestern Union. Southern Union, secondary teachers' institute, November 28 to December 1.

A.W. Spalding, Southern Union, colored teachers' institute at Oakwood Junior College, and Rural School workers at Madison, Tenn., total time, October 30 to November 6.

H.A. Morrison, Union College, time to be arranged.

E.L. Andreasen, Week of Prayer in academies in North Pacific Union, three to four weeks; visit two academies in Pacific Union; Southwestern Junior College, and Southern Junior College on return trip.

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R.Ruhling, Northern, North Pacific, and Pacific Unions, January and February, 1942, as may be arranged.

G.W.Schubert, Upper Columbia Conference, time to be arranged. Pittsburgh and Chicago, en route from Washington to Oklahoma.

F.C.Gilbert, Maplewood Academy, immediately following Autumn Council; Upper Columbia Conference, two weeks; week end in Washington Conference; Central Union, two weeks; Keene, Texas, February 8-9, and two weeks following in Oklahoma Conference.

F.Griggs, when visiting schools in Southern Union to include Florida Sanitarium and Forest Lake Academy.

G.E.Nord, Atlantic Union, November 21 to December 20; Northern Union, North Pacific Union, and Pacific Union, as may be arranged, January 15 to March 15, 1942.

H.D.Casebeer, Southwestern and Pacific Unions, as may be arranged, November to January, inclusive.

L. Halswick, Columbia Union, November 15-30; Mountain View, California, January 21-25.

R.G.Strickland, Assist in Signs campaign, January or February, Pacific Union; Lake Union, lay preachers' institute, November 14-16; Trenton, New Jersey, October 30, for victory celebration.

Mrs. Grace Mace, Federated Dorcas meetings in Central Union, one month, beginning in November; Federated Dorcas meetings in Iowa, en route to Central Union.

W.A.Butler, Pacific Union, Home Missionary secretaries' council, December 3,4; following itinerary in North Pacific Union; lay preachers' institute in Toronto, December 18-21.

Home Missionary Department Representative, (probably W.A. Scharffenberg) to attend lay preachers' institutes in Lake Union, December 12-21.

M.A.Hollister, Two weeks visiting Boulder and Porter Sanitariums.

R.A.Anderson, Greater New York churches, November 7-9.

L.E.Froom, R.A.Anderson, Louise Kleuser, Greater New York workers' meeting, November 10-12.

F.A.Mote, Week of Prayer in academies in North Pacific Union, to be arranged.

L.E.Froom, Atlantic Union College, November 13-15.

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C.L.Bond, Central Union secretaries' council, College View, December 2-4.

C.B.Haynes, National Service Board of Federal Council of Churches, New York City.

G.E.Peters, Greater New York, Ephesus Church, November 15, 29-30; Oakwood Junior College, Week of Prayer; Pacific Union, one month, first of 1942, to be arranged; Southwestern Union, two weeks following the union session.

J.A.Stevens, Workers' meeting, Pittsburgh, November 3,4; Sabbath school conventions, Pacific Union, one month, time to be arranged.

S.A.Wellman, Lake Union Sabbath School Council, November 4-6; Southern Union, Sabbath School Council, November 11-13; North Pacific Union, Sabbath School Conventions, one month beginning December 3; conventions in Central Union, and in the Oklahoma Conference, on return trip.

F.H.Yost, Week of Prayer at Shenandoah Valley Academy, November 3-8.

M.L.Andreasen, Weeks of Prayer in academies, North Pacific Union, three to four weeks, in November; Danish-Norwegian church, New York City, December 6-13.

L.H.Wood, Week of Prayer, Atlantic Union College, November 2-8.

L.H.Christian, Humboldt Park Church and Brookfield Branch, one week in November.

A.L.White, North Pacific Union, including Walla Walla College and academies, early part of 1942.

H.W.Barrows and W.E.Phillips, to Colorado for auditing preceding meeting of the Survey Commission.

Survey Commission: J.L.McElhany, W.G.Turner, L.H.Christian, W.H.Williams, E.D.Dick, M.E.Kern, Colorado beginning November 18; Union College en route to Denver.

J.E.Weaver, Pacific Union, Educational Council, November 19-26.

NEW YORK TRANSPORTATION AGENT:

VOTED, To refer the appointment of the Transportation Agent in New York, to the Committee in Washington.

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POSTPONEMENT OF FURLOUGHS:

Attention was called to the difficulty we are experiencing in getting furloughing families back to their fields, owing to the restrictions imposed by the State Department. This situation is tending to deplete the fields of workers. It was

VOTED, That in view of the difficulty, and in many cases the impossibility at the present time, of returning workers to their fields after furlough, we counsel the overseas divisions that are affected by this situation to postpone furloughs wherever possible, unless for health reasons or because of some other emergency such postponement would seem to be unwise.

C.P.CRAGER--RELEASED FROM CALL

VOTED, That C.P.Crager be released from the call to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

C.P.CRAGER--CALLS TO MEXICO AND TEXAS:

VOTED, To pass on to C.P.Crager for his consideration, the call from the Southwestern-Union for him to connect with the Texas Conference as Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary; and the call from the Inter-American Division for him to connect with the Mexican Union as superintendent of the Central Mexican Mission.

Adjourned.

J.L.McElhany,
W.H.Branson, Chairmen.

E.D.Dick, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.