

SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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Takoma Park, D.C., December 30, 1942 - January 3, 1943

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SPECIAL MEETING

TWO HUNDRED FIFTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 30, 1942, 7:30 P.M.

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L. McElhany, W.H. Branson, L.H. Christian, E.D. Dick, H.T. Elliott, T.J. Michael, E.H. Cobban, M.L. Rice, W.B. Ochs, N.C. Wilson, F.H. Robbins, E.L. Neff, L.K. Dickson, J.K. Jones, J.W. Turner, H.J. Klooster, Dr. W.E. Macpherson, Frederick Griggs, B.G. Wilkinson, D.E. Rebok, H.A. Morrison, W.H. Teesdale, J.E. Weaver, M.L. Andreasen, Dr. H.M. Walton, Miss Lois Burnett, A.W. Peterson, C.L. Bond, H.H. Votaw, C.S. Longacre, J.A. Stevens, W.A. Scharffenberg, W.A. Butler, S.A. Wellman, H.M. Blunden, J.J. Strahle, W.K. Ising, W.A. Spicer, F.M. Wilcox, W.E. Howell, W.P. Elliott, C.B. Haynes, G.W. Wells, F.C. Gilbert, W.E. Phillips, H.W. Barrows, Claude Conard, G.E. Peters, R.C. Taft, L.E. Froom, L. Halswick, F.C. Carrier.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

G.E. Jones, H.H. Hamilton, E.E. Cossentine, G.W. Bowers, W.I. Smith, L.R. Rasmussen, R.L. Hubbs, G.R. Fattie, J.P. Neff, K.L. Gant, H.C. Klement, A.C. Nelson, R.J. Roy, E.N. Dick, F.G. Ashbaugh, C.F. Sorenson, David Voth, R.E. Loasby, M.E. Loewen, C.C. Pulver, J.F. Nies, Dr. R.A. Hare, F.H. Yost, Robert Lay, Walter Ost, L.F. Thiel, W.L. Whitson, A.N. Nelson, C.H. Kelly, Miss Lora Clement, George Keough, A.L. White, E.E. Olsen, Frederick Lee, Roger Altman.

The Chairman stated that this special meeting of the Committee had been called, college presidents and chairmen of boards, and others representing our educational work, as well as members of the War Service Commission, being requested to attend, to see if some united plan could be agreed upon for meeting the situation created by the government plan which is being inaugurated for specialized technical training of young men who are being inducted into the Army, in a selected number of colleges and universities. It was felt that the seriousness of this situation demanded the widest counsel and the most prayerful consideration.

Elder McElhany read the following from "Testimonies," Vol. 9, pages 91-92:

"From age to age the Lord has made known the manner of His working. When a crisis has come, He has revealed Himself, and has interposed to hinder the working out of Satan's plans. With nations, with families, and with individuals, He has often permitted matters to come to a crisis, that His interference might become marked. Then He has made manifest that there is a God in Israel who will maintain His law and vindicate His people."

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Prayer was offered by E.L.Neff and Frederick Griggs.

#### SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL TRAINING:

W.H.Branson gave a summary of the government plan for specialized technical training, and referred to the way it would affect our boys, who, if sent to schools other than our own, as proposed under this plan, would be under the necessity of violating their religious convictions by having to attend classes on the Sabbath and drill with arms. He called attention to a late modification in the plan, which provides for the continued deferment of premedical, pre dental and other students and their continuance in their present schools, but does not provide deferment for the students who are in the first year of their pre-professional courses. He reported visits to the Selective Service Office, the War Manpower office, the Surgeon General's office and others, and that officials in these various offices were sympathetic with our problem. Also a letter had been sent to Dr. Fred J.Kelly, who is a member of the committee that is to choose the schools in which this specialized training shall be given, in which letter our problem had been fully explained. It appeared from all the information that could be gathered that the best solution for us would be to endeavor to get the plan of deferment modified to include the first year premedical and pre dental students. This would make it possible for our boys to continue to take their premedical and pre dental work in our own colleges, and assure a continuous supply of Seventh-day Adventist medical students to the College of Medical Evangelists.

After a lengthy discussion of the many phases of the problem, it was

VOTED, That the Chair be asked to appoint a committee to draft a letter to Dr. Edward C.Elliott, of the War Manpower Commission, making an appeal for modification of the occupational deferment provision, in order that Seventh-day Adventist premedical and pre dental students may be deferred during their first year of training.

Committee appointed: W.H.Branson, chairman; E.D.Dick, Dr. W.E.Macpherson, H.J.Klooster, W.I.Smith, E.D.Cossentine, B.G.Wilkinson, H.A.Morrison, H.H.Votaw, C.B.Haynes, J.K.Jones, E.L.Neff, Frederick Griggs, M.L.Rice, L.K.Dickson, J.P.Neff.

Adjourned to 8:30 Thursday morning.

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

## TWO HUNDRED SIXTEENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 31, 1942, 8:30 A.M.

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L. McElhany, L.H. Christian, T.J. Michael, H.T. Elliott, W.H. Williams, H.F. Cobban, F.M. Wilcox, W.A. Scharffenberg, W.B. Ochs, A.W. Peterson, C.L. Bond, N.C. Wilson, J.W. Turner, Miss Lois Burnett, S.A. Wellman, M.L. Andreasen, G.W. Wells, W.A. Butler, J.A. Stevens, L. Halswick, F.C. Carrier, W.A. Spicer, H.M. Plunden, F.H. Robbins, W.K. Ising, D.E. Rebok, H.W. Barrows, W.E. Phillips, W.H. Teesdale, W.P. Bradley, F.C. Gilbert, Claude Conard, L.E. Froom, I.H. Evans, J.E. Weaver, Dr. H.M. Walton, C.S. Longacre, G.E. Peters, W.E. Howell.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

H.H. Hamilton, G.R. Fattic, E.W. Dick, G.W. Bowers, M.E. Olsen, K.L. Gant, H.C. Kelly, F.G. Ashbaugh, M.E. Loewen, A.C. Nelson, F.H. Yost, A.L. White, Miss Lora Clement, David Voth, R.L. Hubbs, Frederick Lee, J.L. Moran, Dr. E.A. Sutherland, C.P. Sorenson, L.R. Rasmussen, G.E. Jones, F.O. Rittehouse, W.A. Benjamin, Walter Ost, Roger Aitman.

The members of the subcommittee, as follows, were present after they had completed their work and were ready to report:

W.H. Branson, E.D. Dick, Dr. W.E. Macpherson, H.J. Klooster, W.I. Smith, E.E. Cossentine, B.G. Wilkinson, H.A. Morrison, H.H. Votaw, C.B. Haynes, J.K. Jones, E.L. Neff, Frederick Griggs, M.L. Rice, L.K. Dickson, J.P. Neff.

Prayer by L.H. Christian.

## TAX SITUATION IN CANADA:

W.B. Ochs, of the Canadian Union, placed before the Committee information and figures showing the hardships under which our workers in Canada are struggling owing to the very heavy tax laws in force in the Dominion. This is affecting the income of the workers to such an extent that many of them are becoming seriously involved financially. The union committee has suggested a number of measures for bringing some relief, which it was felt are within our regular policies. In addition they ask for authorization to increase the daily travel allowance in the case of union workers, who have such long distances to travel, from \$1.50 to \$2.00 a day. It was

VOTED, That we approve of the measures which have been suggested by the Canadian Union Committee for bringing some relief to their workers in the matter of their heavy tax burdens, and that in this connection we give authorization for increasing

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the daily travel allowance to union workers from \$1.50 to \$2.00 a day, effective as from January 1, 1942. This approval and authorization are given with the understanding that the situation in Canada will be further studied by the special committee appointed to make recommendation regarding the tax situation in both Canada and the United States.

DATE OF SPRING MEETING:

VOTED, That the date of the Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee be April 14-17, beginning at 10 A.M., April 14; and that the tentative date for the meeting of the Committee on Financial Policies and Church School Stabilization, be April 18-20.

MISSIONS OFFERING GOAL FOR COLORED CHURCHES:

VOTED, That W.H. Williams, the union conference presidents, and G.E. Peters be a committee to make recommendation concerning the missions offering goal for the colored churches in North America, now that the general missions offering goal is raised from forty to fifty cents a week per member.

SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERING GOAL:

VOTED, That in view of the increase in the missions offering goal from forty to fifty cents a week, the Sabbath school missions goal be raised from twenty-five to thirty cents a week per member.

J.W. GROUNDS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the Inter-American Division Committee, the return of J.W. Grounds from Trinidad be changed from the furlough to the permanent return basis, because of health conditions and in view of the fact that his family could not return with him to the field.

C.A. EDWARDS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That because of his condition of health, and on recommendation of the Inter-American Division Committee, we authorize the permanent return of C.A. Edwards from Trinidad.

C.L. CHASTAIN--IDAHO:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Southern New England Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for C.L. Chastain to connect with the work in the Idaho Conference.

W.A. SCHARFFENBERG--MEETING IN ONTARIO-QUEBEC:

VOTED, That W.A. Scharffenberg be authorized to respond to the request to attend a special meeting in the Ontario-Quebec Conference, January 13-21.

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R.H.HOWLETT--HAITI;

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and the Southern California Conference to release R.H.Howlett, formerly of French Indo-China, now teaching in the Glendale Academy, and that Brother howlett be invited to go to Haiti to serve as principal of the school in Port-au-Prince until the way opens for his return to Indo-China. This action is taken with the understanding that the General Conference will meet the support of Brother Howlett, while the Inter-American Division supplies the support of a worker to be placed in the field at the same time to acquire the language, in readiness to take over the principalship of the school when Brother Howlett has to leave.

INGATHERING AND MISSIONS EXTENSION GOALS:

VOTED, That the Ingathering goal for 1943 be one million dollars.

VOTED, That the Missions Extension goal for 1943 be \$125,000.

SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL TRAINING:

The committee that was appointed to formulate an appeal for modification of the occupational deferment provision in connection with the government plan for Specialized Technical Training for young men called into the military forces, submitted the draft of a letter to Dr. Edward C.Elliott, of the War Manpower Commission, which after being discussed and amended was adopted as follows:

Dear Dr. Elliott;

Since our conversation with you last Tuesday concerning the difficulties facing Seventh-day Adventist youth who desire to continue their specialized training but who cannot conscientiously attend classes on Saturday, nor drill with arms, we have had a meeting of our General Conference Executive Committee and our leading educators of this country, and in behalf of our denomination, would respectfully request that consideration be given to the following, and that it be brought to the attention of the proper authorities:

1. Experience has shown that because of the noncombatant and Sabbatarian principles of Seventh-day Adventists, they can best serve their country in the medical department of the armed forces where these principles produce a minimum of embarrassment, both to the military organization and to our men. We are especially desirous, therefore, that the way be kept open for a reasonable number of these to receive specialized training in premedical, pre-dental, medical and dental curricula, so that those who are qualified and desire to do so may serve their country as physicians and dentists.



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2. After a careful study of the recently announced Army and Navy program for specialized training, it has become clear that because of their religious convictions against bearing arms and performing ordinary work on Saturday, Seventh-day Adventists will be unable to participate in this new program.

3. It appears therefore that the only feasible way for Seventh-day Adventists to have equal opportunity with other citizens to secure this specialized training to qualify to serve their country in the present crisis, is for them to continue to receive it, as at the present time, in our own denominational colleges, but on an accelerated program and at personal or denominational expense.

4. This program can be carried out under the provisions set forth in Selective Service Occupational Bulletin No. 41, dated December 14, 1942, except for the fact that no provision is made for occupational deferment of first year premedical and pre dental students. Since the majority of premedical students do not complete their first year of premedical training until after the present draft age has been reached, it is clear that some additional provision will be necessary if Seventh-day Adventists are enabled to qualify for the study of medicine and dentistry.

5. We, therefore, respectfully and earnestly request that provision be made for occupational deferment of Seventh-day Adventist premedical and pre dental students during their first year of training, provided they are following a full-time accelerated program and are certified by the institution as in good standing and giving promise of successful completion of their course of study. This consideration will enable such Seventh-day Adventists of military age to obtain specialized training not open to them under the present Army and Navy program, and will further confirm the purpose of our Government to respect the rights of minorities, in harmony with the President's statement that this war is being waged in an effort to preserve the four freedoms to men throughout the world.

We thank you in anticipation of your kindness in bringing this matter to the attention of the proper authorities, and assure you of our earnest prayers for the solution of this as well as the many other problems you are constantly facing.

Yours very sincerely,

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President.

General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.  
 VOTED, That W.H. Branson, H.H. Votaw and H.A. Morrison be  
 a committee to convey this letter to Dr. Elliott.

J.L. McElhany, Chairman.

T.J. Michael,  
 E.D. Dick, Secretaries,  
 E. Zeidler, Recording Sec'y.

## TWO HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 31, 1942, 2:45 P.M.

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L. McElhany, L.H. Christian, W.H. Branson, E.D. Dick, T.J. Michael, H.T. Elliott, W.H. Williams, H.H. Cobban, A.W. Peterson, F.M. Wilcox, C.B. Haynes, G.W. Wells, W.A. Butler, W.B. Ochs, J.K. Jones, F.C. Gilbert, S.A. Wellman, Claude Conard, L. Halswick, C.S. Longacre, G.E. Peters, J.A. Stevens, Dr. W.E. Macpherson, D.E. Rebok, M.L. Andreasen, W.E. Phillips, H.J. Klooster, Miss Lois Burnett, E.L. Neff, H.M. Blunden, L.K. Dickson, B.G. Wilkinson, F.C. Carrier, W.A. Scharffenberg, M.L. Rice, N.C. Wilson, J.W. Turner, F. Griggs, J.E. Weaver, W.K. Ising, C.L. Bond, L.E. Froom, F.H. Robbins, Dr. H.M. Walton, W.E. Howell, H.H. Votaw, H.A. Morrison, W.P. Bradley, W.H. Teesdale, M.C. Taft.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

G.E. Jones, E.N. Dick, K.L. Gant, George Keough, H.H. Hamilton, W.I. Smith, David Voth, F.H. Yost, J.L. Moran, W.A. Benjamin, A.L. White, G.W. Bowers, L.R. Rasmussen, A.C. Nelson, H.C. Klement, M.E. Loewen, C.P. Sorenson, Frederick Lee, Miss Lora Clement, E.E. Cossentine, L.H. Wood, Walter Ost, G.R. Fattic, J.P. Neff, F.O. Rittenhouse, J.O. Gibson, R.J. Roy, F.G. Ashbaugh, R.L. Hubbs, M.E. Olsen, F.D. Nichol.

Prayer by G.E. Peters.

The first part of the meeting was spent in a discussion of the necessity of providing the Medical Cadet training for all the boys in our schools who are approaching the draft age, so that those who do not have opportunity of taking the professional courses, may still have a reasonable basis for asking to be placed in the medical department of the Army. The financial situation confronting our colleges as a result of the loss of students through the lowering of the draft age was also discussed at some length.

## SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL TRAINING:

Brethren Branson, Votaw and Morrison having returned from delivering the letter addressed to Dr. Elliott, reported that though they had seen Dr. Elliott, their appointment had really been with Dr. Fred J. Kelly, who is in charge of Higher Education in the Department of Education in the U.S. Government.

Dr. Kelly, though very sympathetic, felt that there was no possibility of our obtaining the consideration requested in our letter to Dr. Elliott, that is, of occupational deferment of Seventh-day Adventist premedical and pre dental students during their first year of training. He felt that this would be looked upon as conferring special privilege on a certain class.

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He suggested that we propose another plan, which he thought might have a better chance of being worked out, a plan where Seventh-day Adventist boys after being inducted into the Army might be sent to certain Seventh-day Adventist colleges which we would designate, to receive their premedical training and on completion of such training be sent to our own College of Medical Evangelists.

Considerable time was spent in discussing the various aspects of this proposal, and it was finally

VOTED, To ask the same committee of sixteen that drew up the letter to Dr. Elliott, to draft a proposition on the basis of the suggestions made by Dr. Kelly.

Adjourned to 7:45 P.M.

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

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TWO HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 31, 1942, 7:45 P.M.

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L. McElhany, T.J. Michael, H.T. Elliott, W.H. Williams, F.M. Wilcox, L. Halswick, L.E. Froom, J.W. Turner, G.W. Wells, W.H. Teesdale, M.C. Taft, W.P. Elliott, F.H. Robbins, Miss Lois Burnett, D.E. Rebok, Claude Conard, F.C. Carrier, J.E. Weaver, H.M. Blunden, A.W. Peterson, M.L. Andreasen, W.A. Butler, C.S. Longacre, N.C. Wilson, W.E. Phillips, S.A. Wellman, W.K. Ising, W.A. Scharffenberg, W.E. Howell.

OTHERS PRESENT:

A.C. Nelson, E.N. Dick, C.C. Pulver, Walter Ost, J.H. Nies, F.G. Ashbaugh, R.J. Roy, H.H. Hamilton, David Voth, H.C. Klement, R.L. Hubbs, K.L. Gant, C.P. Sorenson, L.H. Wood, F.H. Yost, G.W. Bowers, L.R. Rasmussen, M.E. Loewen, P.T. Gibbs, Frederick Lee, M.E. Olsen, G.E. Jones, J.O. Gibson.

Prayer by A.C. Nelson.

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND  
MEDICAL CADET TRAINING IN ACADEMIES:

The time of the evening session was spent in an earnest discussion of the need for a health and physical education program as a requirement in our academies; also of making the Medical Cadet training available to the younger people in our schools, so that they may have had this training before reaching the draft age of eighteen. The duty of parents, and of leaders in the church to see that our young people are sent to our schools, where they may receive the training so essential to the development of Christian character, was also stressed. It was

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee to take these questions under consideration and make recommendation.

Committee appointed: W.H.Teesdale, A.C.Nelson, E.N.Dick, F.G.Ashbaugh, C.P.Sorenson, H.H.Hamilton, A.W.Peterson.

Adjourned to 9 A.M., Friday, January 1.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman,  
T.J.Michael, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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TWO HUNDRED NINETEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 1, 1943, 9:00 A.M.

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, L.H.Christian, T.J.Michael, H.T.Elliott, W.H.Williams, H.H.Cobban, I.H.Evans, F.M.Wilcox, G.W.Wells, N.C. Wilson, H.M.Elunden, F.C.Gilbert, G.E.Peters, W.E.Howell, L.E. Froom, W.A.Butler, Claude Conard, W.K.Ising, W.A.Scharffenberg, W.E.Phillips, D.E.Rebok, A.W.Peterson, J.W.Turner, F.C.Carrier, W.H.Teesdale, M.C.Taft, W.P.Bradley, C.S.Longacre, H.W.Barrows, J.E.Weaver, C.L.Bond, M.L.Andreasen, F.H.Robbins, L.Halswick, Dr. H.M.Walton, Miss Lois Burnett, S.A.Wellman.

OTHERS PRESENT:

R.L.Hubbs, Robert Lay, B.P.Hoffman, R.E.Loasby, Roger Altman, R.J.Roy, W.H.Bergherm, G.R.Fattic, George Keough, M.E. Olsen, J.L.Moran, Dr. E.A.Sutherland, H.C.Klement, A.L.White, G.W.Bowers, L.H.Wood, Frederick Lee, M.R.Thurber, C.P.Sorenson, F.G.Ashbaugh, H.H.Hamilton, J.O.Gibson, E.N.Dick, K.L.Gant, L.R. Rasmussen, F.H.Yost.

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The members of the subcommittee, as follows, were present after they had completed their work and were ready to report:

W.H.Branson, E.D.Dick, Dr. W.E.Macpherson, H.J.Klooster, W.I.Smith, E.E.Cossentine, B.G.Wilkinson, H.A.Morrison, H.H.Votaw, C.B.Haynes, J.K.Jones, E.L.Neff, Frederick Griggs, M.L.Rice, L.K.Dickson, J.P.Neff.

Prayer by D.E.Rebok.

The committee on the question of Physical Education and Medical Cadet training submitted their report. Consideration of this report was suspended when the committee on the relationship of our schools to the government training plan entered and stated that they were ready to report.

The committee submitted the draft of a letter addressed to Dr. Fred J.Kelly, discussion of which continued until the noon hour, when adjournment was taken to 1:45 P.M.

J.L.McElhany,  
L.H.Christian, Chairmen.

T.J.Michael,  
E.D.Dick, Secretaries.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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TWO HUNDRED TWENTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 1, 1943, 1:45 P.M.

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, L.H.Christian, W.H.Branson, E.D.Dick, C.B.Haynes, L.K.Dickson, H.J.Klooster, H.A.Morrison, F.Griggs, B.G.Wilkinson, Dr. W.E.Macpherson, J.K.Jones, E.L.Neff, M.L.Rice, H.H.Votaw, T.J.Michael, H.T.Elliott, W.H.Williams, H.H.Cobban, F.M.Wilcox, G.W.Wells, F.C.Gilbert, J.W.Turner, L.E.Froom, J.E.Weaver, H.M.Blunden, W.H.Teesdale, Miss Lois Burnett, N.C.Wilson, C.S.Longacre, Dr. H.M.Walton, S.A.Wellman, D.E.Rebok, W.A.Butler, W.E.Phillips, M.L.Andreasen, J.J.Ireland, Claude Conard, C.L.Bond, H.W.Barröws, W.P.Bradley, W.K.Ising, F.H.Robbins, W.E.Howell, M.C.Taft, A.W.Peterson, F.C.Carrier.

OTHERS PRESENT:

W.I.Smith, E.E.Cossentine, J.P.Neff, E.N.Dick, K.L.Gant, F.G.Ashbaugh, R.J.Roy, David Voth, Dr. E.A.Sutherland, Walter Ost, L.R.Rasmussen, J.O.Gibson, C.C.Pulver, James Shultz, A.C.Nelson, F.H.Yost, G.E.Jones, L.H.Wood, R.L.Hubbs, G.R.Fattic, H.C.Klement, Frederick Lee, F.O.Rittenhouse, C.P.Sorenson, Miss Lora Clement, F.D.Nichol.

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Prayer by W.I. Smith.

## SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL TRAINING:

Consideration of the committee's report on the relationship of our schools to the government's specialized training plan was resumed, and after full discussion and amendment, the report in the form of a letter to Dr. Fred J. Kelly was adopted as follows:

Dear Dr. Kelly:

This communication was initiated by our conference with you on the afternoon of December 31st, and may be considered a supplement to our two previous letters, one addressed to you under date of December 23, and the other to Dr. Elliott, dated December 31.

It is the opinion of the Executive Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists that the preferred plan for teaching our young men in the special fields of medicine and dentistry would be as follows:

1. Arrange through the Selective Service System to provide eligibility for occupational deferment to a sufficient number of students in Seventh-day Adventist schools who become qualified premedical and pre-dental students to supply to the College of Medical Evangelists and to certain dental schools a total of approximately 150 students for each first-year class. This will include approximately 100 students for the medical school and 50 for dental schools.

(Our colleges have made arrangements with certain accredited dental schools whereby Seventh-day Adventist students are not required to attend classes on Saturdays.)

2. Have the eligibility for occupational deferment by the Selective Service System made applicable throughout the four years of medicine and the one year of internship, it being recognized that the curriculum in the school of medicine is on the accelerated plan.

3. Arrange for the same plan of occupational deferment to be effective during the <sup>required</sup> four academic years in the schools of dentistry with which we are affiliated.

An Alternate Suggestion

If the foregoing plan is considered impossible, and if the majority of potential premedical and pre-dental students are to be inducted by the Local Selective Service boards and are to be selected by the Army for a continuation of specialized college training, the following alternate plan is suggested:

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1. The following accredited Seventh-day Adventist Colleges be permitted to receive Seventh-day Adventist premedical and pre-dental students:

Pacific Union College, Angwin, California.  
 Walla Walla College, College Place, Washington.  
 Union College, College View, Nebraska.  
 Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Michigan.  
 Washington Missionary College, Takoma Park, Maryland.  
 La Sierra College, Arlington, California.

If it should be decided that not all of the above-named colleges can be used for this preprofessional training, we respectfully request that our General Conference Committee be given the privilege of counseling further with your board as to the precise colleges to be used.

2. Also that our medical school, namely, the College of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda, California, and Los Angeles, California, be allowed the privilege of receiving Seventh-day Adventist medical students.

3. Seventh-day Adventist candidates who qualify for admission to the college as premedical or pre-dental students be assigned to one of these schools named above.

4. The respective colleges will follow the curricula as prepared by your committee, it being understood that certain reasonable additions may be required by a given college, and that if the curricula require six days of work each week, the colleges will be permitted to select the day on which there will be no regular school work. In Seventh-day Adventist colleges there will be no school on Friday nights or Saturdays.

5. The colleges to have authority in matters of scholarship, deportment, and discipline, and to deny an unsatisfactory student further school privileges.

6. Seventh-day Adventist colleges for a number of years have included in their curricula a Medical Cadet Corps training program, which includes certain basic medical military training and has received the approval of Army officers of high rank. On account of the fact that in principle Seventh-day Adventists are noncombatants, the bearing of arms, even for purposes of drill, could not, of course, be carried out in our colleges. It is requested therefore that the colleges be allowed to continue this Medical Cadet/Corps<sup>training</sup> course and to substitute it for prescribed training of a similar nature which might otherwise be required.

If either of the above plans can be made effective, from 75 to 100 doctors may be graduated from the College of Medical Evangelists every nine months from among Seventh-day Adventists, who because of religious convictions would not be able under the regular plan of the Army to make application for technical training. Also a substantial number of Seventh-day Adventist students would receive training in dental schools with which we are affiliated.

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Our men all earnestly desire to go just as far as they consistently can in their cooperation with the Government in this time of crisis. We wish to emphasize, however, that unless some plan can be evolved whereby they can continue to receive this specialized training without violating their conscientious convictions regarding noncombatancy and Sabbathkeeping many will thereby be deprived of the opportunity to render their best service to the nation. Be assured that we shall greatly appreciate your efforts in our behalf.

Yours very sincerely,

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President

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Vice-President

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS.

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ACCELERATION OF ACADEMY PROGRAM:

The committee that had worked on the question of Specialized Training, submitted also the following recommendations, which were adopted:

We recommend, 1. That approval be given to the suggestion of accelerating the program in our academies.

2. That a committee be appointed to work out the details of such an accelerated program, and report to this special session of the General Conference Committee before adjournment.

Committee appointed: H.A. Morrison, the senior and junior college presidents, W.H. Teesdale, J.E. Weaver, L.F. Wood and N.C. Wilson.

J.L. McELHANY--PACIFIC PRESS BOARD MEETING:

VOTED, That J.L. McElhany be authorized to respond to the request that he attend the Pacific Press Board meeting.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

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



## TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIRST MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 3, 1943, 9:00 A.M.

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L. McElhany, W.H. Branson, L.H. Christian, E.D. Dick, T.J. Michael, H.T. Elliott, H.H. Cobban, W.A. Spicer, I.H. Evans, W.H. Teesdale, H.M. Blunden, M.L. Andreasen, G.W. Wells, L.E. Froom, N.C. Wilson, H.W. Barrows, M.C. Taft, F.C. Gilbert, W.E. Phillips, Claude Conard, Miss Lois Burnett, H.A. Morrison, Dr. H.M. Walton, M.L. Rice, J.W. Turner, W.K. Ising, W.E. Howell, W.P. Bradley, L. Halswick, J.E. Weaver, C.L. Bond, H.H. Votaw, S.A. Wellman, G.E. Peters, F.H. Robbins, Frederick Griggs, C.B. Haynes, B.G. Wilkinson, F.M. Wilcox.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

M.E. Olsen, F.H. Yost, H.C. Klement, R.J. Roy, K.L. Gant, A.C. Nelson, W.J. McComb, J.P. Neff, L.H. Wood, A.L. White, R.E. Loasby, E.E. Cossentine, R.L. Hubbs, Miss Lora Clement, W.A. Benjamin, G.E. Jones, Walter Ost, George Keough, J.O. Gibson, W.W. Prescott, Frederick Lee.

Prayer by I.H. Evans.

## ACCELERATION OF ACADEMY PROGRAM:

The Committee on the Acceleration of the Academy Program submitted a report, which was amended and adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, It is desirable to accelerate as much as possible the training in our own schools of our youth, so that they will be prepared when the time comes to serve their country or the church as the case may be, in the fullest possible manner,

We recommend, 1. That for the time of the present war emergency, colleges accept students who present 15 units of standard work, and which shall include one year of Bible for every year's attendance in our academies.

2. That all our college-attached academies and any other academies, upon recommendation of the union conference committee and the approval of the boards of such institutions, accelerate their programs in every way possible.

3. That these schools offer enough work in special summer sessions to provide opportunity for the student to earn two full units of credit each summer.

4. That in harmony with wide practice the schools permit students maintaining a B average in their entire programs to take five units of work during the regular school year.

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## FINANCIAL AID TO SCHOOLS:

WHEREAS, It seems certain that some of our colleges and academies will suffer heavy financial losses as a result of decreased enrollments "for the duration,"

We request the appointment by the General Conference Committee of a special committee with field representation to recommend to the Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee definite plans for the giving of financial aid to any colleges and academies suffering financially as a result of the accelerated program or the drafting of their students.

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VOTED, That the Chair be asked to appoint the committee called for in the above request.

The report of a committee, consideration of which was suspended in the nine o'clock meeting on January 1, was re-submitted, and after being amended was adopted as follows:

## HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

WHEREAS, Health is one of the major objectives of Christian education; and,

WHEREAS, Our secondary curriculum does not now include a required course in health and physical education; and,

WHEREAS, Present conditions have greatly accentuated the need for such training,

We recommend, 1. That the Department of Education include such a course in the secondary curriculum as one of the requirements for graduation.

2. That the General Conference Department of Education in collaboration with the Medical Department, prepare a syllabus for this course.

## MEDICAL CADET CORPS TRAINING:

We recommend, 1. That all our academies take steps to make the Medical Cadet Corps training immediately available for the young men who are facing military induction, who thus far have had no access to this training, and that during the present emergency the requirement of Medical Cadet Corps training be provided for in the health Education program in our academies.

2. That the conferences be reminded of the urgent necessity of immediately providing Medical Cadet Corps training to the large number of our young men of and approaching draft age who are not in our academies or colleges.

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**MEDICAL CADET CORPS LEADERSHIP:**

WHEREAS, There is a great need for trained leadership of our Medical Cadet Corps,

We recommend, That as is now being done in some institutions, all our colleges take immediate steps to offer leadership courses which will qualify men to become officers in our Medical Cadet Corps, it being understood that these courses will be arranged so that they will be available also to men in the field as well as to students in the colleges.

**SERVICE IN ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT:**

We recommend, That the colleges study the possibilities of putting a course into the curriculum the second semester of this year which will prepare our young men to assume places of responsibility in the Medical Department of the military services. It is recommended that such a course include not only the regular Medical Cadet training but in addition to it laboratory procedure and commercial work, such as typing, bookkeeping, and the handling of such records as the military Medical Department of the Army uses.

**LECTURES ON RELATIONSHIP TO CIVIL GOVERNMENT:**

We recommend, That the plan provided for in the action taken on October 27, 1942, and recorded on page 653 of the General Conference Minutes, be revised as follows:

"WHEREAS, The present draft age limits will prevent many young men from entering our colleges, thus making it imperative for the academies to provide for our youth being given the spiritual as well as the intellectual training they need to fit them for meeting the responsibilities and problems of military service,

"We recommend, 1. That arrangements be made by the General Conference Committee for a special course of lectures to be given at Takoma Park during the summer of 1943, dealing with the relationship of Seventh-day Adventists to civil government, and the spiritual problems connected with military service in the light of our historic noncombatant position.

"2. That the employing organizations be urgently requested to plan for the academy Bible teachers and as many as possible of the academy principals, while they are taking other studies at the Theological Seminary, to attend these special lectures, in order that they may be better prepared to give the necessary guidance and instruction to our young people."

**PRINCIPLE OF NONCOMBATANCY:**

WHEREAS, There is an increasing need that our young people receive definite instruction in the principles of non-combatancy,

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We recommend, That the principles of noncombatancy be presented in the Bible courses being offered at the present time in all our schools.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

WHEREAS, Many of our young people have not been attending our own schools and now find themselves bewildered and unprepared to meet the tests and temptations thrust upon them in this national emergency; and,

WHEREAS, Our schools are "designed of God to meet the advancing wants for this time of peril and demoralization" (CT 87) and to prepare our youth for the crises that confront them,

We recommend, 1. That all our ministers in their preaching place a new emphasis upon the importance of Christian education and upon the duty of Adventist parents to gather our young people into Adventist schools where they may receive from Adventist teachers in an Adventist atmosphere specific instruction in our denominational principles of noncombatancy and Sabbath keeping, in the principles of Christian temperance, and where they may have the benefits of the Medical Cadet Corps training, and thus be prepared to meet the tests and temptations of this present crisis.

2. That the church elders with their boards in all our churches plan for the instruction of the church regarding principles of Christian education and enter upon the work of gathering their children and youth into our own schools.

Adjourned to 2 P.M.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.

E.D.Dick,

T.J.Michael, Secretaries.

E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 3, 1943, 2:00 P.M.

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L. McElhany, W.H. Branson, L.H. Christian, E.D. Dick, T.J. Michael, H.T. Elliott, H.H. Cobban, W.A. Spicer, F.M. Wilcox, J.J. Ireland, C.B. Haynes, M.L. Andreasen, W.H. Teesdale, Claude Conard, Miss Lois Burnett, Frederick Griggs, L.E. Froom, Dr. H.M. Walton, H.A. Morrison, J.E. Weaver, S.A. Wellman, W.F. Bradley, M.L. Rice, C.L. Bond, L. Halswick, H.H. Votaw, N.C. Wilson, G.W. Wells, M.C. Taft, H.M. Plunden, J.W. Turner, W.K. Ising, H.W. Barrows, F.C. Gilbert, W.E. Phillips, W.E. Howell, B.G. Wilkinson, F.H. Robbins.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

L.H. Wood, George Keough, A.C. Nelson, H.C. Klement, E.E. Cossentine, J.O. Gibson, R.L. Hubbs, Miss Lora Clement, A.L. White, F.D. Nichol, G.E. Jones, Frederick Lee.

Prayer by W.A. Spicer.

## DEATH OF G.W. SCHUBERT:

Word was received of the death of G.W. Schubert on January 2, at his home in Anaheim, California. Elder Schubert was one of our pioneer workers in Europe, where he served as president of local and union conferences for many years. Since 1926 he has been one of the field secretaries of the General Conference, working among the churches in North America and in other countries.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary be asked to convey to Sister Schubert and other members of the family an expression of the deep sympathy of this General Conference Committee in this hour of their bereavement.

VOTED, That the Treasurer be instructed to arrange for a floral tribute and that M.E. Kern, who is on the Pacific Coast, be asked to represent the General Conference at the funeral.

## LETTER TO DR. KELLY:

Statement was made that on the part of some there was a desire for a restudy of the letter to be addressed to Dr. Fred J. Kelly, as was agreed upon in a previous meeting.

After a careful review of the problems involved and of the content of the letter, it was

VOTED, That we confirm the former action approving of the letter to Dr. Kelly as drafted.

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## CONTINUING COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL PROBLEMS:

VOTED, That the Minority Committee be asked to appoint a Continuing Committee on these military problems pertaining to our schools.

Note.-- This committee was appointed by the General Conference Committee in its meeting on January 7, 1943, as follows:

"That the Continuing Committee on military problems pertaining to our schools, called for by action taken on January 3, be as follows: The War Service Commission, with B.G. Wilkinson, J.P. Neff, E.E. Cossentine, H.J. Klooster, L.K. Dickson, Dr. W.E. Macpherson, G.W. Bowers, M.L. Rice and J.K. Jones to be called by the General Conference Committee as field representatives should the occasion arise for wider counsel in connection with the matters pertaining to the military specialized training program."

R. A. ANDERSON AND L. R. MANSELL  
TO VISIT MR. RODEHEAVER:

VOTED, That R.A. Anderson and L.R. Mansell be authorized to make a trip to Winona, Indiana, or Chicago, for the purpose of negotiating with Mr. H.A. Rodeheaver for the use of some of his hymns in the new evangelistic song book that is being compiled.

W.M. NOSWORTHY--NEW JERSEY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union Conference, and Atlantic Union College the call from the Columbia Union for W.M. Nosworthy to connect with the New Jersey Conference as secretary of the Book and Bible House.

ENROLMENT OF STUDENT NURSES IN  
AMERICAN RED CROSS NURSING SERVICE:

Counsel was sought by the Medical Department with reference to student nurses enrolling in the American Red Cross Nursing Service. Inasmuch as there is involved in this drive for enrolments on the part of the Red Cross the question of enlistment in the military services in time of war, it was

VOTED, That the question be referred to the War Service Commission.

Adjourned.

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