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THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 28, 1943, 10 A.M.

The Autumn Council of 1943 was held in Takoma Park, the sessions of the Council being held in the chapel of the Theological Seminary. Had conditions in the world been normal, this would have been the time for the regular Biennial Council, and representatives would doubtless have been present from all the overseas divisions. Instead, owing to travel and other emergency conditions resulting from the war situation, the attendance was limited almost exclusively to the members of the General Conference Committee in North America, with a few institutional representatives, and members of certain committees that had been called to meet at this time. The following brethren from the Inter-American Division were present: Glenn Calkins, C.L.Torrey, W.E.Murray, W.E.Read, H.F.House and R.M.Whitsett, as were also R.L.Kimble and T.Ketola, recently arrived from India and Liberia respectively.

"Watchmen, on the Walls of Zion," was sung to open the first meeting of the Council, at 10 A.M., Thursday, October 28, and after a scripture reading by F. Griggs, W.A.Spicer offered prayer.

MESSAGES OF GREETING:

The Secretary read cabled messages of greeting from E.L. Longway and G.J.Appel, of the China Division; A.L.Ham, of the Southern Asia Division; C.W.Bozarth and M.Robison, of the Southern African Division; and G.A.Lindsay, of Sweden, and it was

VOTED, To send greetings from the Council to these brethren, as well as to the following:

C.H.Watson, of the Australasian Division; R.R.Figuhr, of the South American Division; A.V.Olson, of the Southern European Division; -- Grigorieff, leader of our work in Russia; H.W.Lowe, of the British Union; W.McClements, of West Africa; E.L.Branson, of the Middle East Union; and A.D.Gomes, of Portugal.

The Chairman spoke of others to whom we should like to send greetings, but there is no possible way of communicating with them. The only way we can make contact with them, he said, is by prayer through the throne of grace, asking God to bless them.

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Mention was made of the following members of the General Conference Committee in North America, who, because of illness, are not able to be with us: O. Montgomery, F. C. Gilbert, Dr. P. T. Magan, Dr. W. A. Ruble, H. G. Childs, H. H. Cobban, M. C. Taft, and it was

VOTED, That the Secretary be asked to convey our greetings to these brethren, with an expression of our hope that they may soon be restored to normal health.

GREETINGS TO THE EMPEROR OF ETHIOPIA:

VOTED, To send a message of greeting to the Emperor of Ethiopia, expressing our appreciation of the interest he has taken in our mission work in Ethiopia.

OPENING ADDRESS:

Elder J. L. McElhany in addressing the Council, urged that earnest and careful study be given to our financial situation and its relationship to our world-wide work, reading as an introduction Luke 14:28, where Jesus said:

"For which of you intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, saying, This man began to build and was not able to finish."

We are workmen, Elder McElhany said, building on the foundation laid by the pioneers of this movement, and it behooves us to sit down and count the cost as to whether we shall be able to finish the structure. We should not be satisfied with working merely on a day by day basis, but rather we should project our thinking into the future and lay plans accordingly.

Never in our history, he continued, have our conferences and institutions, in America at least, had such large incomes as at the present time. How shall we handle this greatly increased income? It has been a source of encouragement to know that instead of embarking on a program of wide expansion because of this increased income, many of our administrators have given heed to the earnest counsel we have had in the matter of debt reduction. That policy ought to be followed by every institution still resting under the burden of debt. The conferences and institutions that have reached the goal of debt liquidation are to be commended. Those still struggling toward that goal are to be encouraged. And may it be that all will gird themselves stoutly against the encroachments of debt in the future.

The cheerful attitude of our conference administrators toward sharing this increased income with the world-wide field

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is deeply appreciated. There will probably never be a time when the income of the home conferences will be so large that it could not all be used entirely within the local fields. But the Great Commission that sends the church into all the world, means also that the Lord's money must go into all the world. It would be a betrayal of our sacred commission were the work in the home field to be expanded to the point where the progress of the message in the fields beyond would have to be curtailed.

One danger in connection with the present inflationary or war-time prosperity is the expansion that calls for expenses of a repeating nature. Growth and development, expansions in institutional activities, adding of workers and facilities, should be based on normal increases in income rather than on inflationary increases.

But, it is just as necessary to carry on the work of God in times of depression as in times of prosperity. To do that successfully requires far-sighted planning, and the laying by in store of funds with which to meet emergencies. We who are leaders in this work today are under a great debt of gratitude to some of the leaders of the past for their foresight and wise planning. Those leaders saw that with the expansion of our work into all the world, some provision must be made to tide over period of depression. So the policy was adopted of creating a General Conference Reserve Fund. That Reserve Fund enabled the General Conference to tide over the depression period, when other mission societies were withdrawing their missionaries and abandoning the work they had built up.

We need spiritual discernment that we too may look into the future and prepare for a time of crisis greater and more serious than any we have yet faced. We cannot, we dare not, think alone in terms of the present, but we must begin at this Council to count the cost, and to make provision for meeting the emergencies of the future.

We should recognize what the leaders of government clearly discern, that with the conclusion of the present war and the end of a war-inflated prosperity, there will follow a period of great depression. For that time we must think and plan, and such planning will call for a manifestation of the spirit of sacrifice. With shrinking incomes, we shall have greater needs and less money with which to meet them. It is in such a time that we shall be called upon to rehabilitate and reconstruct our work in many parts of the world. The immensity of the need will be staggering. When we realize that in Northern, Central and Southern Europe, in the twenty or more countries in which we have carried on our work; also in China, Korea, Manchuria, the Philippines, Indo-China, Malaya and the Dutch East Indies, there will have to be restored or rebuilt schools, publishing houses, medical institutions, and churches, we can appreciate something of the problem that will confront us. Unless we begin now to make preparation, we shall be utterly unable to compass the task that will be thrust upon us.

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I therefore suggest that the Budget Committee bring us a budgeted provision for approximately one million dollars with which to at least begin the work of rehabilitation, and that this be set aside, free from all other claims or attachments, for that one purpose. In order that this may be possible, all the divisions not directly in the war zones will have to bear their share of sacrifice. But we believe the leaders in these divisions have a world vision, and that they will be willing to sacrifice rather than that the work of God should be left prostrate in the war-torn regions of the earth. We believe our home conferences and institutions will gladly share also in this spirit of sacrifice, in harmony with the counsel given us by the servant of the Lord in "Gospel Workers," pp. 454-457.

Has not the time come when there should be a whole-hearted and sincere rededication on the part of every one of us, and of the resources under our direction, to the great work of preaching the third angel's message in all the world? Let us sit down and count the cost. Let us take into account all of our resources, and then throw them into the great work of soul winning the whole world around, with the supreme purpose of finishing the work.

DAILY PROGRAM:

The following Daily Program for the Council was adopted:

Devotional	8:30 -- 9:30 A.M.
Council	9:45 -- 12:30
Committees or Council Session	2:00 -- 5:00 P.M.
Public Meeting, Committees or Council Session	7:30 -- 9:00

STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

Steering Committee:

J.L. McElhany, Chairman.
T.J. Michael, Secretary.

W.H. Branson	E.D. Dick	W.G. Turner
L.H. Christian	H.T. Elliott	W.H. Williams
A.W. Cormack	W.E. Nelson	J.F. Wright

Platform Committee:

W.P. Bradley	V.G. Anderson	N.F. Brewer
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Seating of Delegates and
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Distribution of Labor:

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H.T. Elliott, Secretary

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M.V. Campbell	T.J. Michael	J.J. Strahle
L.H. Christian	H.A. Morrison	C.L. Torrey
A.W. Cormack	W.E. Nelson	J.W. Turner
L.K. Dickson	J.J. Nethery	S.A. Wellman
L.E. Froom	G.E. Peters	W.H. Williams
E.F. Hackman	A.W. Peterson	N.C. Wilson
		J.F. Wright

Finance Committee:

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	G.A. Roberts	
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	H.L. Rudy	

Committee on Nominations:

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Committee on Plans:

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N.F.Brewer	M.E.Kern	J.D.Snider
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W.A.Butler	R.L.Kimble	W.H.Teesdale
W.P.Bradley	M.E.Loewen	W.G.Turner
H.D.Casebeer	R.E.Loasby	C.L.Torrey
L.H.Christian	Meade MacGuire	M.R.Thurber
Lora Clement	J.W.MacNeil	H.W.Vollmer
Claude Conard	W.E.Murray	H.H.Votaw
R.E.Crawford	E.Ney	W.M.Walton
E.D.Dick	G.E.Nord	A.L.White
E.W.Dunbar	K.Nozaki	R.M.Whitsett
H.T.Elliott	A.T.Okohira	W.H.Williams
E.W.Everest	C.E.Palmer	F.H.Yost
E.E.Franklin	G.E.Peters	

A committee consisting of W.G.Turner, J.A.Stevens and M.E.Kern was appointed to receive suggestions of any additions that should be made to the standing committees.

[This committee brought in a report later, and the names suggested were added to the committees as herein listed.]

SPRING MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the date for the 1944 Spring Meeting of the Committee be April 12 - 19.

1944 AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That the question of the time and place for the 1944 Autumn Council be referred to the Minority Committee.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION:

Announcement was made that the Minority Committee had selected May 23 to June 2, 1945, as a tentative date for the next General Conference Session, and that the Session be held in St. Louis, Missouri.

[By later authorization of the Council, the date was fixed by the Minority Committee as May 22 to June 3, 1945.]

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STATISTICAL REPORT:

The Statistical Report for 1942 was rendered by Claude Conard, the Statistical Secretary. Brother Conard stated that because of the present world situation full reports have not come from all the divisions, and that for those fields where up-to-date information is lacking it has been necessary to use previous year's totals, or the partial data that was available. We give herewith a brief summary of the report:

At the close of 1942, the 9,212 Seventh-day Adventist church organizations in the world field reported a membership of 535,134, of which 197,215 were in North America and 337,919 were in other divisions. There were 13,207 laborers engaged in evangelistic and colporteur activities in 1942, and 15,672 more workers in sanitariums, publishing houses, schools, and other institutional duties. Of these 28,879 workers, 10,794 were in the North American field, and 18,085 in divisions outside of North America.

The world investment in Seventh-day Adventist colleges and secondary schools, publishing houses, sanitariums, hospitals, and food centers at the beginning of 1942 was \$25,739,748.45; and the entire asset valuation of all denominational properties, including churches, was \$66,776,612.19. Of this investment, \$41,344,530.53 was in North America, and \$25,432,081.66 outside of that field.

Contributions to church and mission work in 1942 of \$20,109,148.56 was the largest annual sum of tithes and offerings received in the history of the denomination. This amount was \$3,903,760.37 or 24.1%, more than in 1941. Of the \$20,109,148.56 raised, \$12,137,513.79 - 56% - was tithe; \$5,029,589.97, or 28.8% mission offerings; and \$2,942,044.80 - 15.2% - contributions for home work. Each church member throughout the world field paid in tithes and mission and home offerings an average of \$37.57. In fields outside of North America the annual contribution for each member was \$14.49, and in the North American territory alone \$77.14.

At the close of 1942, 14,436 Sabbath schools were operating around the world, with 641,559 members. The Sabbath school offerings were \$2,327,770.07. This was \$396,043.81 - 20.5% - more than in 1941. In the North American field the Sabbath school donations of \$1,875,005.02 were \$8,246.15 more than all other contributions to missions. Since 1920 over half a million dollars more has been given to missions through the Sabbath schools than from all other donation sources combined.

Missionary Volunteer Societies in the world numbered 7,153, or more than 379 societies more than one year previous. Society memberships of 176,253 were 22,927 more than in 1941. Contributions for home and local society work amounted to \$32,542.93. Young people join the regular church efforts in raising Sabbath school, ingathering and other general mission funds, which are not reported separately.

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There were 2,932 elementary church and mission schools in the world field in 1942, with 3,973 teachers and an enrollment of 103,838 pupils. In North America in 1920 there were 183 elementary school pupils for every 1,000 church members. In 1942, 96 pupils to every 1,000 members were reported. Students above the elementary grades numbered 20,514, of which 15,302 were in colleges and secondary schools in North America, and 5,212 in other divisions.

In our printing establishments, 1,293 workers were employed in the publishing of Seventh-day Adventist literature; and 3,240 colporteurs were engaged in literature distribution, of whom 939 were in North America, and 2,301 in other divisions. Book and periodical sales totaled \$5,467,664.99, which was \$1,191,811.31, or 27.9% more than in 1941

The records showed 167 sanitariums, hospitals, dispensaries, and treatment rooms in operation, caring for 764,582 patients. Connected with these institutions were 2,045 doctors and nurses, together with 3,758 other employees and 882 student nurses in training. In addition to the regular care of patients, 366,647.64 worth of charity work was reported.

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" was sung to close the meeting, and E.E.Andross offered the closing prayer.

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

E.D.Dick, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Sec'y.

THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 28, 1943, 2 P.M.

Following a song to open the second meeting of the Council, at 2 P.M. October 28, prayer was offered by C.B.Haynes.

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, 1943, as follows:

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
BALANCE SHEET

August 31, 1943

ASSETS

Cash and Banks	1 512 700 19	
Securities	4 287 704 61	
<u>Accounts Receivable</u>		
Divisions	320 252 18	
Publishing Houses	23 021 44	
Transportation Agencies	11 965 83	
Personal Accounts	14 067 24	
Gen. Conf. Corp. & Misc.	74 162 09	
Advances on Special Appro.	249 264 53	692 733 31
Inventories--Supplies and Misc.		29 042 39
Library	5 456 23	
Less Reserve	4 321 61	1 134 62
TOTAL ASSETS		6 523 315 12

LIABILITIES

<u>Accounts Payable</u>		
Divisions	146 043 33	
Publishing	5 486 65	
Personal Accounts	71 154 59	
Miscellaneous	41 636 16	264 320 73
Trust Funds	1 386 524 55	
Unexpired Subscriptions	2 745 17	
Accrued Expense Reserves	1 294 39	1 390 564 11
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1 654 884 84
NET WORTH, AUGUST 31, 1943		4 868 430 28

ANALYSIS OF NET WORTH

Surplus, January 1, 1943	4 260 798 00	
Increase Jan. 1 to Aug. 31 - 8 mos.	305 838 10	
Total Surplus Aug. 31, 1943	4 566 636 10	
Exchange Reserve:		
On Hand, Jan. 1, 1943	300 867 86	
Increase during 8 mos.	926 32	
Balance Exchange Reserve	301 794 18	
TOTAL NET WORTH, AUGUST 31, 1943		4 868 430 28

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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
OPERATING STATEMENT
For Eight Months Ending August 31, 1943

<u>TITHE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	
<u>North America:</u>		
Union Conferences	75 645 16	
Per Cent of Tithe	1 439 597 11	
Miscellaneous	<u>23 825 58</u>	1 539 067 85
 <u>Overseas:</u>		
European Tithe of Tithe	3 578 71	
European Per Cent of Tithe	8 381 05	
Other Divisions	7 803 73	<u>19 763 49</u>
Total Tithe		1 558 831 34
 <u>MISSION OFFERINGS</u>		
<u>North America:</u>		
Fifty-Cent-a-Week Fund	3 166 992 50	
Miscellaneous Missions	<u>35 436 20</u>	3 202 428 70
 <u>Overseas:</u>		
European Misc. Missions	32 194 61	
Other Divisions	<u>186 392 21</u>	<u>218 586 82</u>
Total Missions		3 421 015 52
 <u>MISCELLANEOUS INCOME</u>		
Dividends and Interest	55 740 61	
Surplus Tithe	4 000 00	
Reclaimed Funds	12 084 00	
Specific Mission Offerings	58 598 24	
Miscellaneous Donations	8 895 78	
Royalties	<u>286 34</u>	139 604 97
Revertible Missions		<u>491 710 44</u>
Total Miscellaneous		<u>631 315 41</u>
TOTAL INCOME		5 611 162 27
 <u>EXPENDITURES (See next page)</u>		
Total Expenditures		<u>5 305 324 17</u>
INCOME EXCEEDS EXPENSE		305 838 10

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE

Salary and Expense of Depts.	257 722 66	
Transportation Agents' Expense	6 764 15	
Maintenance and General Expense	<u>19 156 07</u>	283 642 88

APPROPRIATIONS

Overseas Regular Base	1 885 866 56	
Home Regular Base	283 066 64	
Special -- Overseas	475 959 34	
Special -- Home	<u>245 133 36</u>	2 890 025 90

MISC. AND FIXED APPROPRIATIONS

Emergency Appropriations:		
Overseas	382 596 53	
Home	90 905 32	
Sick Relief	4 800 61	
13th Sabbath Overflow Provision	30 000 00	
Ingathering Expense Provision	56 666 64	
Missions Promotion Provision	4 000 00	
Appointee's Expense	3 537 00	
Permanent-Return Workers	25 226 64	
Retired Workers' Expense and Salary	6 261 86	
Overseas Specific Mission Offerings		
Disbursed	58 598 24	
Sustentation	34 831 72	
Specific and Fixed	<u>16 342 54</u>	713 767 10

APPROPRIATIONS BY REVERSION

Institutional Comeback	464 170 15	
North American Missions by Reversion	47 231 23	
Ingathering Overflow	<u>358 258 49</u>	869 659 87
Spring in Tithes and Offerings-Overseas	56 517 98	
Overseas Missions by Reversion	<u>491 710 44</u>	548 228 42

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

5 305 324 17

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

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1940</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>1943</u>	<u>Incr. or Decr*</u> <u>1943 over 1942</u>
Tithe	605 336 86	1 022 933 75	1 558 831 34	535 897 59
Mission Offerings	1 646 973 92	2 552 368 12	3 421 015 52	868 647 40
Misc. Income	<u>578 897 27</u>	<u>479 475 84</u>	<u>631 315 41</u>	<u>151 839 57</u>
Total Income	2 831 208 05	4 054 777 71	5 611 162 27	1 556 384 56
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Administrative Expense	189 574 11	230 833 52	283 642 88	52 809 36
Appropriations	<u>2 601 292 56</u>	<u>3 638 039 80</u>	<u>5 021 681 29</u>	<u>1 383 641 49</u>
Total Expense	2 790 866 67	3 868 873 32	5 305 324 17	1 436 450 85
Income Exceeds Expense	40 341 38	185 904 39	305 838 10	119 933 71

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CONDENSED COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
August 31

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>1940</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>1943</u>	<u>Inc. or Decr*</u> <u>1943 over 1942</u>
Cash and Banks	1 822 057 21	1 259 044 17	1 512 700 19	253 656 02
Securities	1 115 179 90	2 873 182 74	4 287 704 61	1 414 521 87
Accounts Receivable	168 658 62	948 926 30	692 733 31	256 192 99*
Inventories	<u>11 180 69</u>	<u>33 948 85</u>	<u>30 177 01</u>	<u>3 771 84*</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	3 117 076 42	5 115 102 06	6 523 315 12	1 408 213 06
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Accounts Payable	74 436 09	347 524 20	264 320 73	83 203 47*
Trust Funds	739 387 47	814 625 82	1 386 524 55	571 898 73
Accrued & Misc.	<u>119 846 24</u>	<u>43 212 40</u>	<u>4 039 56</u>	<u>39 172 84*</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	933 669 80	1 205 362 42	1 654 884 84	449 522 42
SURPLUS -- NET WORTH	2 183 406 62	3 909 739 64	4 868 430 28	958 690 64

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HEALTH MAGAZINES:

At the time of the Spring Meeting a recommendation was adopted to the effect that the two health journals, "Health" and "Life and Health" be merged, and a committee of seven was appointed to work out the details of the merger, report to be made to the 1943 Autumn Council. The committee never met because of the fact that the Pacific Press Board subsequently requested that the merger question be postponed for the duration of the war. In view of this development, it was arranged that a group consisting of the General Conference officers, the union conference presidents and representatives of the publishing houses should meet at this time to study the question. This group, having met yesterday, submitted a report, which after being discussed was adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. That we continue for the present the plan of publishing the two health magazines.

2. That, while not agreeing to any plan for the division of territory, the Chair be asked to appoint a committee to prepare a guiding policy to govern the methods and procedures to be followed by the publishing houses in advertising and promoting the two health journals, this proposed policy to be submitted by the committee to this Council.

Committee appointed: W.H.Branson, H.M.Blunden, E.F. Hackman, W.P.Elliott, I.J.Woodman.

Adjourned to 9:30 Friday morning, with the closing prayer by N.C.Wilson.

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

THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 29, 1943, 9:45 A.M.

L.K.Dickson, president of the Pacific Union Conference, led the devotional service Friday morning, October 29. He dwelt upon the need of deeper and more ardent spirituality on the part of the ministry and laity alike. He said he did not believe that God wants us to be forever using the terminology pertaining to spirituality, and never measure the depths of that experience. I am talking, he said, about a spiritual experience in which there is a spontaneous inner urge that presses the one who possesses it

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to the point where he can not hold back, but must burst forth into doing mighty deeds for God. I believe our most serious duty as leaders is to help our people to attain to that experience.

The apostolic church was distinguished by its strength and spiritual power. Surely God intended that that power should remain in the church and be manifested through its members. God has not called us as a church merely to stand on the sidelines and watch the world go by. He has called us to do something about the situation that we are facing. We need to ask ourselves, Are we prepared to do the work that God calls upon us to do at this time? The demands of the church and the world at this time are tremendous. What we intend to do for God, under the present circumstances, and with the facilities that we now have in our hands, must be done quickly and very definitely. We are here for such a time as this. The message that we bear is the answer to the world's present despair.

The third business session of the Council, which convened at 9:45 A.M., October 29, was opened with song, after which prayer was offered by W.E. Murray, superintendent of the Antillian Union Mission.

FINANCIAL SUMMARIES OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

Financial Summaries of Educational Institutions in North America for the school year 1942-43 were presented, in printed form, by Claude Conard. Every senior college but one, half of the junior colleges, and nearly one half of the academies, registered operating gains during that year without any outside assistance whatever. A major achievement has been accomplished during the year in the reduction of interest-bearing obligations by almost one-half. Ten schools, including three junior colleges have paid off their entire note indebtedness, and eight others have made substantial reductions. The earned income of the colleges and secondary schools was \$7,546,867.04, or \$210,588.41 - 2.9% - higher than in 1941-42. Operating expenses of \$7,450,686.85 were \$156,376.48, or 2.1% above the previous year. The gain without subsidies was \$96,180.19. This is the second successive year that the schools as a whole group have recorded an operating profit without any outside assistance. Cash on hand when the school books were closed in June 1943 was by far the most substantial sum that has ever been recorded at the end of a school year. Cash balances of \$749,359.68 were more than twice the amount of any previous closing, and were a trifle better than 10% of the year's total operating expenditures.

SANITARIUMS AND HOSPITALS IN NORTH AMERICA:

Financial summaries of the Seventh-day Adventist Sanitariums and Hospitals in North America were also submitted by Claude Conard. The fourteen sanitariums and hospitals that submitted regular monthly reports had a total volume of income in

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1942 of \$7,325,607.15, which was \$1,133,973.06 - 18.3% - more than in 1941. Receipts during the first eight months of 1942, to August, of \$5,535,962.59, were more by nearly a quarter of a million dollars than for the whole year 1940. At the end of August, 1943, the sanitariums and hospitals had assets amounting to \$8,584,420.54. The liabilities were \$1,274,395.94, and the net worth \$7,310,024.60. The institutions owed less than 15 cents on every dollar of assets. In 1925, when the present debt liquidation campaign was vigorously launched, our medical institutions in North America owed on notes payable \$2,267,916.95. In August, 1943, recorded note obligations of these institutions totaled \$271,162.60, a reduction in seventeen years and eight months of \$1,996,754.35. One more year should record medical institutions' note obligations entirely wiped out.

MEDICAL TRAINING IN CHINA:

A memorial was presented from the China Division, stressing the need of providing opportunity for our young people in China and other parts of the Orient to obtain a training for medical missionary service without the necessity of their coming to America for such training, and proposing the establishment of an Emergency Medical Evangelist Training Course for this purpose. After some discussion of the question, it was

VOTED, To refer the memorial to the Budget and Plans Committees for further study.

Adjourned to 9:45 Sunday morning, with the closing prayer by J.J.Nethery.

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

SABBATH MEETINGS

Because of uncertainties and hazards of travel, the only overseas division having personal representation at the Council was the Inter-American Division. This field was represented by its division leadership, Elders Glenn Calkins and C.L.Torrey, the President and Secretary-Treasurer, and by three of the union leaders; Elder W.E.Read representing the Caribbean Union, Elder W.E.Murray, the Antillian Union, and Elder H.F. House, the Mexican Union.

The Sabbath evening hour of the Council was devoted to a report from this large and rapidly growing division. Elder Calkins brought greetings from the nearly 75,000 Sabbath school members of his field, and told how mightily God is working in the twenty-three countries and dependencies which comprise the territory of the Inter-American Division. Last year, 5,464 souls were baptized in the division. He reported encouraging reception of the radio work recently begun, there being over 7,000 enrollees in the Bible Correspondence School, 4,000 being in Cuba alone. While sounding a note of progress, he also told of their many needs and problems in the various countries.

There not being available an auditorium in Takoma Park sufficiently large for the Adventist community to meet in, no attempt was made for all to come together for the Sabbath morning service. Instead, a number of the leaders occupied the pulpits of our churches in the vicinity.

In the afternoon, Elder J.L.McElhany spoke to a large audience, mostly workers, in the Takoma Park Church. In his address he emphasized the fact that we are appointed of God to be a peculiar people--a unique people--not in the sense of being queer or odd, but distinctive in our teaching and in our manner of life. In the beginning of this message we were such. We need to examine ourselves that we live true to the pattern given us. Of this we are told, "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history." ("Life Sketches," p. 196.) He pointed out the eroding influences of the world, and admonished us to beware lest we forget--the way the Lord has led hitherto; lest we fail to give the trumpet a certain sound; lest we fail to give emphasis to our distinctive message--the second coming of our Lord. Never was there more reason for the faith which is ours than now. Never were people more eager to receive this message.

This unique opportunity and responsibility calls for a new dedication of life and purpose, a renewed consecration to the finishing of the work. He concluded with the Scriptural appeal: "For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon Him for? And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life; but teach them thy sons, and thy son's sons."

The meeting closed with a prayer of dedication to the finishing of the work.

THREE HUNDRED FORTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 31, 1943, 9:45 A.M.

The devotional service Sunday morning was conducted by D.E.Rebok, president of the Theological Seminary. He took as the basis for his study Micah 6:8: "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Also Zech. 4:6 and Matt. 6:33.

Professor Rebok read statements, not only from religious leaders, but from men of the world, referring to the political, social and economic conditions in the world today, and to the moral and spiritual declension to be seen on every hand. One writer quoted said: "Everywhere it is as dark as midnight, and only He who is the Light of the world can save us." Even we Seventh-day Adventists who have the light of the third angel's message, and our children who are growing up in the midst of these conditions, are in danger of being unconsciously influenced by them.

Our very greatest need today is faith. The greatest need of our young people who are being influenced by the textbooks of the day is to find a power upon which they can depend, and that power is God. What we need today, more than anything else, is faith in God and in His word. The Bible must come to mean more and more to us. It must become a greater power in our lives. It must be received and believed and obeyed. It must be made a part of ourselves, the guide, the standard, the pattern of our living. What the world needs today is to see Jesus. This is forcefully stated by the Prime Minister of South Africa, General Smuts:

"Fundamentally the world has no need of a New Order or a New Plan, but only of the honest and courageous application of the historical Christian idea. Our Christian civilization is based on eternal order -- an endless plan in the message of Christ. Many new messages and messengers will appear in these times of great tribulation. Let us hold on to the Eternal Message. In the twilight of today, I see on that horizon -- not the man of Moscow, not the man of Munich, not the man of Rome, but the Man of Galilee. I see Him going around villages and districts, teaching and spreading His message of a new kingdom, healing the sick and suffering. And His message is 'Cherish in love your fellow man irrespective of race or language, cherish and keep the divine idea in your heart as the highest good!' This is the message also for the church of today and for mankind millin; around like frightened sheep without a shepherd.

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The Man of Galilee is, and remains, our one and only leader. And the church as the carrier of this message, should follow Him alone."

What does God require of us at this time? To reveal Jesus. We read in Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 22:

"The lives of professing Christians who do not live the Christ life are a mockery to religion. Every one whose name is registered on the church roll is under obligation to represent Christ by revealing the inward adorning of a meek and quiet spirit. . . .The truth for this time is to appear in its power in the lives of those who believe it, and is to be imparted to the world. Believers are to represent in their lives its power to sanctify and ennoble."

Following the devotional service, the fourth session of the Council convened, E.E.Andross offering the opening prayer.

In order to give time for the preparation of business for the Council, it was

VOTED, That the remainder of the day be devoted to subcommittee work.

Adjournment was therefore taken to 9:45 Monday morning, November 1.

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

THREE HUNDRED FORTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 1, 1943, 9:45 A.M.

Character building, which in the case of the Christian may be said to be growing in grace, was the theme of the devotional study conducted by E.F.Hackman, president of the Southern Union Conference, Monday morning, November 1. He read the following quotation from the Spirit of prophecy:

"Now, while our great High Priest is making the atonement for us, we should seek to become perfect in Christ. . . . It is in this life that we are to separate sin from us, through faith in the atoning blood of Christ. . . . None can neglect or defer this work but at the most fearful peril to their souls."

"All the scenes of this life in which we must act a part are to be carefully studied, for they are a part of our education. We should build solid timbers into our character-building, for we are working both for this life and eternal life. And as we near the close of this world's history, we advance more rapidly in Christian growth, or we retrograde just as decidedly."

That is a solemn statement, said Elder Hackman. It explains perhaps why we see two groups in our churches, one group who is earnestly seeking after God for a deeper experience, and another group just staying around on the edges, who will leave us some day unless a new and vital experience comes into their lives.

Hosea 6:3, contains the secret of character development. It is the secret of growing in grace. The thought in the verse is that of Christian growth, progress and development in the Christian life, until we reach the time when the latter rain is poured out upon God's people. We are to grow in Christ, and develop in character until we reach the measure of the fulness of the stature of Christ. The Spirit of prophecy states that we are to reflect the image of Jesus fully.

"The order of God's providence in relation to His people is progression,--continual advancement in the perfection of Christian character, in the way of holiness, rising higher and higher in the clear light and knowledge and love of God, to the very close of time." Vol. 5, p. 484.

There is no more solemn work before us as leaders, before us as a people, before our churches, than the building of characters in preparation to meet God in the very near future.

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"Shepherd Divine, Thou leadest Me," was sung to open the fifth business session of the Council, at 9:45, Monday, November 1. Prayer was offered by W.A. Butler. The Secretary announced receipt of a cable from A.V. Olson, of the Southern European Division, reporting the work going well in nearly all parts of his field; also word received concerning the welfare of W.W.R. Lake, who is in an internment camp in Sarawak, Borneo.

This being the hour appointed for certain legal meetings, the Council recessed, and these meetings were called in their order as follows:

RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM:

A meeting of the constituency of the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital was called by E.F. Hackman, the chairman of the Board, and a very fine report of the work of the institution was rendered by Dr. Carl Dent, the medical director. A financial statement for the institution was presented by L.E. Ford, the secretary-treasurer and business manager. There being no other business to come before the constituency, the meeting adjourned sine die.

OAKWOOD JUNIOR COLLEGE:

A meeting of the constituency of Oakwood Junior College was called by E.F. Hackman, the chairman of the Board. J.L. Moran, president of the College, rendered his report, and presented also the financial statement. By regular action, the name was changed from Oakwood Junior College, to Oakwood College. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned sine die.

INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY:

A meeting of the International Insurance Company of Takoma Park, Maryland, was called by the president, J.L. McElhany. A report of the business of the company was rendered by W.A. Benjamin, the secretary. The Nominating Committee of the Council was asked to bring in nominations for the election of a Board of Trustees, and the meeting adjourned to Wednesday, November 3.

CHRISTIAN RECORD BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION:

A meeting of the constituency of the Christian Record Benevolent Association, Incorporated, was called by N.C. Wilson, the chairman. A report of the corporation was rendered by D.D. Rees, the secretary, and the financial statement was submitted by S.J. Lashier, the treasurer. The Nominating Committee of the Council was asked to bring in nominations for the election of the Board of Trustees for the ensuing year, after which the meeting adjourned to Wednesday, November 3.

The Council resumed.

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RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE:

A resolution of gratitude to God coming from the Plans Committee was adopted by a standing vote, as follows:

WHEREAS, In this time when human society is more turbulent and broken up than heretofore, when human institutions are being shaken to their foundations, when accepted standards and established procedures are giving way to radical theories and extreme methods of controlling human conduct, and when all things are in a state of transition, we have become increasingly aware of the impregnable might and unshaken foundation of God's cause and God's truth in the earth, and are deeply impressed by the daily evidences of the Lord's safeguarding providences over His work, His workmen, and His people throughout the world; therefore

Resolved, That we hereby record our heartfelt gratitude to God for His continuing guidance, His never-failing care, and His gracious protection, and call upon our people everywhere to join us in an increased devotion to God and an enlarged activity for the completion of the sacred mission committed to us--the finishing of the gospel of the Son of God on earth.

The following recommendations from the Plans Committee were also adopted:

MEETINGS FOR CHURCH SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMEN:

WHEREAS, Our church school work would be greatly strengthened if the chairmen of church school boards in each local conference could occasionally meet and discuss their problems; therefore

We recommend, That in connection with the meetings of church officers of local conferences, plans be made to bring in the chairmen of elementary and intermediate school boards, and that meetings for them be held under the leadership of the union educational secretary and the conference educational superintendent, for the discussion of church school work.

RECRUITING EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL:

WHEREAS, There is a great shortage of trained individuals available for appointment as educational superintendents in local conferences, and teacher training supervisors in our colleges; therefore

We recommend, That our conference and educational leaders be asked to call attention to the need of and opportunity for well-trained teachers in our work, especially requesting them to urge many of our talented young people to qualify along

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these lines so that our schools may be efficiently manned and so that we may have a well-prepared and experienced group of teachers from which educational superintendents and teacher training supervisors may be chosen.

STATUS OF TEACHER TRAINING SUPERVISORS:

We recommend, That the teacher training supervisors in our colleges be recognized as regular members of the college teaching staff and that they be given the same consideration as is shown to full-time college teachers.

FIELD WORK FOR TEACHER TRAINING SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, The field and our teacher training schools should work closely together, each being conversant with the problems of the other; therefore

We recommend, 1. That the director of teacher training and/or her supervisors follow the plan of spending a week or two during each school year in visiting church schools, under the direction of the union educational secretary and/or the conference educational superintendent.

2. That in order to care for the expense involved, the conference in which the visiting is done be responsible for the transportation and travel allowance, and the college continue to pay the salary.

COURSE IN SUPERVISION FOR EDUCATIONAL SUPERINTENDENTS:

WHEREAS, Our educational superintendents need special training for certain technicalities connected with their work; therefore

We recommend, That the North American Division be divided into three areas for the purpose of offering in Pacific Union College, Union College, and Washington Missionary College during the 1944-45 school year a four-semester-hour course in supervision for educational superintendents during a four-weeks' period. In order that the facilities of the several training school may be used, this offering should be made at a desirable time during the school year. The syllabus for the course shall include the following: general supervision in two subject fields, observation and classroom, supervision of extra-curricular activities, testing, and round table or seminar work. These courses shall be given under the direction of the General Conference Educational Department, the union educational secretaries, and the colleges concerned.

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REVISED PLAN FOR BIBLE INSTRUCTION:

WHEREAS, We believe there is need of deepening and strengthening the Bible instruction in our schools through adapting the contents of the courses given to the maturity and spiritual needs of the pupils; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the need for a revision of our Bible textbooks and methods of instruction in the elementary, secondary, and nurses' training schools; therefore

We recommend, 1. That the General Conference Committee appoint a committee to be nominated by and work under the leadership of the general Department of Education. The personnel of this committee shall include the following:

- a. Secretaries of the General Conference Department of Education.
- b. Two secondary Bible teachers.
- c. Two teachers of the lower elementary grades.
- d. Two teachers of the upper elementary grades.
- e. Two academy principals.
- f. Two directors of teacher training.
- g. Two union conference educational secretaries.
- h. Two conference educational superintendents.
- i. One representative of the Seminary faculty.
- j. One college Bible teacher.
- k. One person informed and practised in the technique of textbook writing.
- l. One person well informed in the fields of child and adolescent psychology.
- m. One representative from a nurses' training school.

2. That this committee's terms of reference be as follows, in addition to any other duties assigned by the Department of Education:

- a. To revise the curriculum in Bible instruction for Seventh-day Adventist elementary and secondary schools. This will involve the setting up of objectives, a determination of method, the selection of content and the suggestion of authors for textbooks.

- b. To report to the General Conference Committee.

3. That this committee be appointed as soon as feasible; and that it be asked to do its work at the time of year best suited to the individuals concerned, as well as their employing bodies.

4. That as soon as practicable a new series of elementary and secondary Bible textbooks be prepared in harmony with the new curriculum.

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VOICE OF PROPHECY DAY AND OFFERING:

We recommend, That on Sabbath, September 16, 1944, in all our churches in the United States, a special program be presented and an offering taken for the Voice of Prophecy.

NORTH AMERICAN COLPORTEUR BIG WEEK:

We recommend, That April 22 to 29, 1944, be designated Colporteur Big Week for North America.

Adjourned to 7:30 P.M., with the closing prayer by F.M. Wilcox

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

THREE HUNDRED FORTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 1, 1943, 7:30 P.M.

The sixth session of the Council convened at 7:30 P.M., Monday, November 1. After the opening song, prayer was offered by D.E.Rebok.

DEBT REDUCTION:

W.E.Nelson, the Treasurer, called on the union conference presidents for reports as to the progress being made in their respective unions in the matter of debt reduction. All the union presidents responded with most encouraging reports. Two unions reported their note indebtedness entirely liquidated, and a number of others so nearly so that they expect to be free of debt in another year. E.A.Moon stated that the Southern Publishing House expects to close its year without a dollar of indebtedness. Mention was made of the fact that the Glendale Sanitarium which at one time had nearly a million dollar debt, is now entirely free. When the sums reported had been totaled, it was found that they amounted to \$1,071.192. The Treasurer expressed great pleasure and satisfaction over this result of the faithful and determined efforts on the part of conference and institutional administrators to clear away the reproach of debt.

PUBLISHING AND HOME MISSIONARY CONVENTIONS:

The following recommendations from the Plans Committee were adopted:

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We recommend, 1. That the Home Missionary Department and the Radio Commission Secretaries hold a North American Division convention at Boulder, or some more central place [later appointed for Omaha] from December 2 - 8, inviting as many union and local conference presidents as can attend.

2. That the Publishing Department hold a North American Division convention in the spring of 1944, immediately preceding the Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee, and at the same place.

Adjourned to 9:45 A.M., Tuesday, L.E.Froom offering the closing prayer.

J.F.Wright, Chairman.
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED FORTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 2, 1943, 9:45 A.M.

"Tell me the old, old story," was sung to open the devotional service Tuesday morning, which was led by W.A.Spicer. Meade MacGuire offered the opening prayer. Following are a few of the thoughts dwelt upon by Elder Spicer:

We [leaders] must be kind and loving shepherds to the workers and people in this message, remembering that the Lord calls His people the apple of His eye. The Spirit of prophecy says of the workers, "Treat them not as ideal men, but as real men." Sometimes when we do not find them ideal, we are troubled but our work may be to turn the non-ideal into something close to the ideal. We must not be too quick to let men fail. We must help them to succeed.

Let us talk confidence to the brethren. Conditions were pretty bad in Corinth, and some of those conditions had their influence on the church, but Paul in writing to the Corinthians said, "I have confidence in you." We must have confidence in the flock of God, our brethren and sisters, and help them through these times of crisis. One of the last messages that Sister White addressed directly to the General Conference was, "Perplexities will increase, but let us as believers in God encourage one another."

We belong to a church that is going somewhere. That is why we call it the advent "movement." It is a church on the march. It was not an easy march in the beginning. The pioneers

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in this message faced trouble, even as we are facing trouble in all the world today. But after the tears and the weeping the Lord leads His people on in triumph.

There is power in this truth, and it is manifest, not only in the growth of the movement, but in what it does for our brethren and sisters. The Lord has been doing great things for us in the past fifty or sixty years. Our people have been growing, and the work has been gathering strength. The work of God is not going to ravel out. The same message that built up this people will be finished with great power.

We do not know what will hasten the work to its completion. We must not look at present conditions, and think that perhaps the work will have to stop. In the ten years following the last war the membership in Europe doubled. In that ten years the Lord gave us more souls than in the forty years preceding. This message is symbolized by an angel flying in the midst of heaven, and in the midst of all the destruction on earth. "When thy judgments are in the world, the inhabitants of the land learn righteousness." We do not need to figure on whether these present conditions are going to hinder or help. We are not to measure the things essential to the finishing of this work by what we are doing ourselves. We are told by the prophet Joel that "In the last days He will pour out His Spirit upon all flesh." God by His Spirit can speak to every soul on earth. While we are to work as though all depended upon us, we must ever remember that after all it is God who will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness.

The seventh business session of the Council, at 9:45 A.M. November 2, was opened with singing, followed by prayer by I.H. Evans.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The first business to come before the session was a report from the Nominating Committee, which was adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. For Field Secretary of the General Conference, M.E.Kern.

2. For Assistant Treasurer of the General Conference, J.F.Cummins.

3. As members of the Board of Regents: K.A.Wright, three years; L.G.Sevrens, three years; E.E.Cossentine, one year; Dr. W.E.Macpherson, one year; A.C.Nelson, two years.

4. As members of the North American Radio Commission: W.G.Turner, W.H.Branson, W.P.Bradley, H.M.S.Richards, F.W. Detamore, J.L.McElhany, W.E.Nelson, W.H.Williams, J.F.Wright, H.T.Elliott, R.A.Anderson, H.H.Votaw, E.D.Dick, A.E.Lickey,

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R.G.Strickland, Owen Troy, M.L.Rice, N.C.Wilson, F.H.Robbins, J.J.Nethery, M.V.Campbell, V.G.Anderson, L.K.Dickson, E.F.Hackman J.W.Turner.

5. For Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary of the South American Division, Santiago Schmidt (of East Brazil)

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

CIRCULATION OF THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE:

WHEREAS, There are scores of thousands of wealthy and influential families in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, The messenger of the Lord has said, "Those who belong to the higher ranks of society are to be sought out with tender affection and brotherly regard. Men in business life, in high positions of trust, men with large inventive faculties and scientific insight, men of genius, teachers of the gospel whose minds have not been called to the special truths for this time,-- THESE SHOULD BE THE FIRST TO HEAR THE CALL." ("Christ's Object Lessons," p. 230.) And, "There are many wealthy men who are susceptible to the influence and impressions of the gospel message, and who, when the Bible, and the Bible alone, is presented to them as the expositor of Christian faith and practise, will be moved by the Spirit of God to open doors for the advancement of the gospel. They will reveal a living faith in the word of God, and will use their entrusted means to prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight in the desert a highway for our God." ("Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 114, emphasis ours); and

WHEREAS, While it is recognized that the efforts of our evangelists, medical workers, institutions, radio broadcasters, and colporteurs have accomplished a great deal along this line, yet there is no organized, specific plan for carrying a knowledge of this truth directly into the homes of these individuals; and,

WHEREAS, In this crisis hour, "In the very highest ranks of society are those who are hungering and thirsting for salvation," ("Christ's Object Lessons," p. 231); therefore,

We recommend, To all our union and local conference leaders, pastors, and church officers the plan being promoted the Southern Publishing Association for reaching these families with a literature mailing program consisting of the following material:

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1. The booklet, "The Search for Certainty." [Formerly "David Dare."]
2. Twelve regular issues of the Watchman Magazine.
3. The booklet, "My Confession of Faith." ["Why I am a Seventh-day Adventist."]

DISTRIBUTION OF LIBERTY MAGAZINE:

WHEREAS, Restricted supplies of material make it doubly desirable to distribute LIBERTY Magazine in the most effective and economical manner possible; therefore,

We recommend, That in order to avoid supplying duplicate copies and eliminate waste, we ask the Home Missionary Department to secure from its local conference organizations, up-to-date and regularly revised lists of ministers, attorneys, editors, and school teachers to serve as a basis for the LIBERTY mailing list.

DISTRIBUTION OF "AMERICAN STATE PAPERS":

WHEREAS, Valuable and timely material regarding the principles of religious liberty is now available in the current edition of the book "American State Papers;" and,

WHEREAS, It is our manifest duty and high privilege to enlighten the general public on this subject by every practicable means; and,

WHEREAS, The shortage of paper for periodicals will restrict for some time the circulation of LIBERTY Magazine to its present figure of approximately 185,000 copies, so that the normal expansion of the religious liberty work cannot be cared for by this means; therefore,

We recommend, That 6,000 copies of the book "American State Papers" be secured by the Religious Liberty Department for distribution to representative newspaper editors throughout the United States, arrangements being made by the Department with our local churches for personal delivery of the books, the cost to be met from regular funds contributed to religious liberty work.

SPONSOR FOR THE SENIOR M.V. SOCIETY:

WHEREAS, There is a great need throughout the field to strengthen the work of the senior Missionary Volunteer society, that "department through which the church works for and by its youth;" and,

WHEREAS, The frequent change of leadership in the senior Missionary Volunteer society in the local church is a factor which breaks the continuity of the work for the youth and tends to destroy the effectiveness of the young people's organization; therefore,

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We recommend, 1. That an elder or other qualified person on the church board, who understands the true objectives of the senior Missionary Volunteer society, be elected by the church to act and be known as the YOUNG PEOPLE'S SPONSOR.

2. That he serve as guide and counsellor to the leader and other officers of the young people's society.

3. That he, because of his sympathetic understanding of the youth and their problems, be one to whom the young people of the church can look for special guidance and counsel.

4. That he and the society-leader keep the conference Missionary Volunteer secretary informed regarding any changes in officer personnel and other matters relating to the young people's society.

5. That he serve as a member of the society executive committee as well as of the church board, joining with the society-leader in bringing information to the board from time to time regarding the needs, the interests, and the progress of the young people's work.

We further recommend, That the conferences throughout the North American Division instruct their churches to fulfill the provisions of the above recommendations this year.

CREDENTIALS TO CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS:

We recommend, That special credentials be prepared by the General Conference Committee and the Educational Department for issuance by the conference or mission committees to their regular church school teachers.

REVIEW AND HERALD SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN:

WHEREAS, Our church paper, the Review and Herald, is the only denominational publication surveying our work in all the earth and affording a channel for conveying to all our English reading constituency the counsel of our denominational leadership and plans for the furtherance of the work; and,

WHEREAS, A larger circulation of the Review is desirable because of the times in which we live, and necessary, because of increased membership, for a coverage that will include every family of believers; and,

WHEREAS, The month of November has been designated by the General Conference Committee for promotion of the annual Review subscription campaign; therefore,

Resolved, That every necessary effort be put forth during the 1943 subscription campaign to renew the 25,000 subscriptions expiring in the next few weeks, and to secure 4,000 new subscriptions added to the goal because of increased membership.

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EAST AFRICA COASTAL MISSIONS--SERVICE PERIOD:

We recommend, That in harmony with the request of the Southern African Division Committee, the service period between furloughs for missionaries in the coastal area of the East African Union Mission be three years, with the understanding that every other such furlough will be spent in South Africa.

A CALL TO UNIVERSAL EVANGELISTIC ADVANCE:

WHEREAS, Time is waxing late, and we are years behind the divine schedule for the finishing of the gospel commission; and

WHEREAS, Both the Scriptures and the Spirit of prophecy reveal that our great evangelistic mission will be consummated amid the abnormal conditions of international upheaval, war, famine, pestilence, and perplexity, as well as restrictive developments in the political, social and religious worlds; and,

WHEREAS, These very conditions and prospects have awakened unprecedented anxiety, and a desire on the part of many in all parts of the world to know the meaning of these strange times, and to find the peace and comfort of God and His present message to mankind; and,

WHEREAS, This is a time of unprecedented increase of conference funds, and of potential worker power in the number of ministerial and bible instructor students in training for service at the home base and overseas; therefore,

We recommend, That a universal call be sounded from this Washington Autumn Council of 1943, summoning our workers and people to arise and finish the work committed into our hands--that of the Three-fold Message of Revelation 14; recasting our plans and readjusting our emphasis, so as to make every effort bend to the one supreme purpose of completing our specific witness to mankind. To this end we solemnly call upon every group, and summon every resource of the Advent Movement to engage in this "all-out" continuous evangelistic advance. To implement this great objective, we urge the following comprehensive program:

1. That we call upon our workers and people to join us in humbling ourselves before God, seeking forgiveness for our indifference and tardiness in finishing the work committed to us; acknowledging our meagerness of spiritual power and fervor, and pleading for that endowment of the Holy Spirit which has been promised--the outpouring of the Latter Rain which will ripen earth's final harvest.

2. That we capitalize upon the impressive opportunity afforded by the 100th anniversary of the beginning of God's great Judgment Hour, making the centennial year 1944 a time for special review and emphasis of the fundamentals of the advent message both among our churches and in evangelistic efforts for those not of our faith.

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3. That we summon all evangelical workers to a continuous evangelistic crusade which will compass the world field with increasing power until our commissioned task of evangelism is finished.

4. That we urge our union and local conference and mission committees to lay ever-broadening plans to compass their respective territories with evangelistic efforts in tent, hall, tabernacle, church, and open air, as well as through the radio, remembering especially the still unentered rural sections and towns, while placing strong emphasis upon the cities and metropolitan areas, putting all possible funds and personnel into direct evangelism.

5. That we call upon all departmental workers to stress particularly the soulwinning aspect of their work, simplifying all other activities and interests that consume undue time and scatter their efforts.

6. That our Sabbath school leadership strongly encourage the recruiting of new members, the organization of branch Sabbath schools and Sunday schools, earnest personal work, and other distinctively soul-winning features, in order that the Sabbath school may be definitely evangelistic in all its service.

7. That we urge our youth in training for the ministry, Bible instructor work, and singing evangelism, to set as their goal, evangelism in its varied phases, in home base and mission land.

8. That we ask our conferences to adhere strictly to the stipulations of the Ministerial Internship Plan, that call for our interns and younger workers to be held to direct evangelism in these early years of their ministerial service.

9. That we summon our young people to a great youth-for-youth crusade to win those not of our faith, giving emphasis to this endeavor in our evangelistic efforts.

10. That we call upon our colleges and training schools throughout the world to focus their instruction upon those lines that will inspire and equip an ever-increasing army of youth for all phases of soul-winning endeavor.

11. That we summon our doctors, nurses, dentists, and medical technicians to join in a great medical missionary advance, with the winning of souls through the health approach as their supreme goal, and that these endeavors be closely integrated with our evangelistic efforts.

12. That we encourage our laymen to make active missionary work--lay preaching, literature distribution, colporteur work, and home Bible studies--the great purpose of life and activity.

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13. That we call upon our publishing houses to provide evangelistic literature, even more winsome in its appeal, in tract as well as in book and periodical form, so as to cover the earth with our literature like the leaves of autumn, and that we closely coordinate the work of the colporteur with that of the evangelist.

14. That we urge upon our workers such thoroughness of instruction, and such soundness of conversion, that their converts will be fully integrated into the throbbing heart of the advent movement, thus reducing losses and conserving gains.

15. That we call upon our pastors and district leaders so to arrange their church activities as to carry forward a continuous evangelistic program through radio, press, and local efforts, coordinating closely with special efforts conducted by visiting evangelists, and the national radio hook-up, thus glean- ing the maximum fruitage of souls from all sources.

16. That we call upon our Theological Seminary to give increasing prominence to evangelistic preaching, evangelistic methods, advanced Bible instructor technique, personal and pas- toral methods, and denominational history and Spirit of prophecy backgrounds along with the standard basic courses in the graduate field.

17. That we plan for a strong evangelistic council to precede the next General Conference, where this program may be emphasized and perfected, thus giving further impetus to this full-rounded evangelistic advance.

Adjourned to 7:30 P.M., C.B.Haynes offering the closing prayer.

W.H.Branson, Chairman.
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED FORTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 2, 1943, 7:30 P.M.

The eighth session of the Council convened at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, November 2. Following the opening song, prayer was offered by H.T. Elliott.

The printed report for the Book and Bible House Section of the Publishing Department was distributed. This report showed that the Book and Bible House sales in North America in 1942 were \$1,886,993.37, which is \$525,388.64, or 38.58% larger than in 1941, when all previous sales records were surpassed.

The Finance Committee submitted a partial report, which was adopted as follows:

EXCHANGE RATES FOR 1944:

We recommend, That the fixed rates of exchange for the interchange of business among our organizations during the year 1944 be the same as those adopted for the year 1943.

EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY INTERNSHIP PLAN:

We recommend, That the Emergency Ministerial Internship Plan adopted April 19, 1943, and providing for two years' employment of theological graduates from senior colleges, be extended to apply to theological graduates of the year 1944; and further,

That the plan apply to Oakwood College theological graduates of both 1943 and 1944.

CHURCH SCHOOL SUPPORT--COMMITTEE:

We recommend, That the committee provided for by the 1942 Autumn Council for the study of church school support, continue to function until the 1944 Autumn Council.

ALLOTMENT OF 1944 MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIPS:

We recommend, That provision be made during 1944 for 96 ministerial internships, the allotment to be made as follows:

1. That 74 interns be assigned to the several unions as follows:

Atlantic	7	Northern	6
Canadian	6	North Pacific	7
Central	6	Pacific	13
Columbia	10	Southern	6
Lake	8	Southwestern	5

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2. That eleven internships for colored workers be distributed by the General Conference Committee in counsel with the various union conferences.

3. That eleven internships be assigned to the Bureau of Home Missions for distribution by the General Conference Committee in counsel with the several union conferences.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO BIBLE SOCIETIES:

We recommend, 1. That besides the amount included in the Miscellaneous and Fixed Appropriations for the Bible Societies for the year 1944, an additional sum of \$5,000 be raised from the union conferences in North America by assessment based on their 1943 tithe income.

2. That the \$5,000 fund be distributed between the Bible Societies by the Minority Committee.

HINSDALE SANITARIUM--SUSTENTATION ARREARS:

We recommend, That the charge to the Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital for sustentation arrears of \$7,782.45 as accrued up to 1938, be canceled.

INGATHERING GOAL FOR 1944:

WHEREAS, The Lord has so signally blessed the Ingathering effort during 1943 in North America, and feeling confident that we will experience the same guiding Providence in meeting the needs of the world field through this means next year;

We recommend, That the Ingathering goal for the North American Division be set at \$1,250,000 for 1944.

MISSIONS EXTENSION GOAL FOR 1944:

We recommend, That the Missions Extension goal for 1944 be set at \$150,000.

Further recommendations from the Plans Committee were presented, and being amended, were adopted as follows:

ARMY SPECIALIZED TRAINING AND NAVY V-12 PROGRAM TESTS:

We recommend, That our college and academy administrators, if and when approached by governmental agencies and invited to give the qualifying examinations in our schools for either the Army Specialized Training Program or the Navy V-12 Program, be encouraged to reply to such invitations with a carefully worded explanation that our schools are denominational institutions,

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giving courses of training for the purpose of preparing workers in religious vocations; that the student body is made up almost altogether of members of the Seventh-day Adventist faith, whose religious training and belief leads them to take the noncombatant position and attitude of this denomination; that as noncombatants these students are already receiving in our schools a specialized course of training in medical cadet lines which has been prepared in collaboration with the office of the Surgeon General of the Army, and are thus preparing for skilled service in case they are called through Selective Service; that these denominational schools are not offering courses in the scientific and specialized fields essential to war production; and consequently are requesting to be excused from participation in either the Army Specialized Training Program or the Navy V-12 Program.

EMPHASIZING DENOMINATIONAL HISTORY IN OUR SCHOOLS:

WHEREAS, We have been assured that the church of God "has nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history " (Life Sketches, p. 196); and,

WHEREAS, The record of how the Lord has led His people not only has historic worth, but is especially rich in inspiration and holding power for our children and youth; and,

WHEREAS, It is vital that the active confidence of our youth of academy and college years in God's leadership of the church be sustained and strengthened;

We first commend the schools that are offering courses in denominational history and the Spirit of prophecy, and,

We recommend, That all academies make available in appropriate courses the story of the church and its work, and acquaint the youth with subject matter from the writings of Ellen G. White that will be of practical service in solving their problems, in establishing their confidence in the message and the world task, and in accustoming them to find answers to their questions in these writings.

We further recommend, That the colleges offer advanced courses that will not only teach the history of the church and build confidence in divine guidance as manifest in the Spirit of prophecy, but will also prepare the student to strengthen the confidence of others, and to meet successfully any false teachings concerning the place and work of Ellen G. White in the church.

TAX LEGISLATION--DEDUCTIONS FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Attention having been called to the fact that two bills are being submitted to the Congress of the United States that would amend the present pay-as-you-go tax program in the matter

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of the deductions allowable for contributions to religious and charitable organizations, permitting the tax-payer to take the benefit of these deductions currently rather than waiting until he makes his final return the middle of March, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, From the earliest beginnings of Christianity, people have been taught to cherish the spirit of liberality, both in sustaining the cause of God and in supplying the wants of the needy; and,

WHEREAS, The Holy Scriptures admonish the believers to bring into the churches the tithes and offerings; and,

WHEREAS, The God-fearing founders of these great United States were so thoroughly convinced that there should be absolute separation of church and state that they provided in the early colonial constitutions that no tax money should be used for the support of the church and later incorporated their beliefs in the first article of the bill of rights; and,

WHEREAS, Freedom of religious worship has been maintained in this country through the private support of the churches by their members; and,

WHEREAS, Heavy demands of a national war-time budget have already seriously curtailed offerings to religious institutions; and,

WHEREAS, Under the present pay-as-you-go/^{tax}program insufficient consideration is given in each payroll period to deductions for tithes and offerings of millions of church members who follow the principles of Christian stewardship; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Autumn Council of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists representing its churches and religious institutions, petition the Ways and Means Committee of the United States House of Representatives to incorporate into pending tax legislation now under its consideration the principle of H.R. 3472 and H.R. 3473.

Adjourned to 9:45 A.M., Wednesday, November 3.

J.L. McElhany, Chairman.
H.T. Elliott, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED FORTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 3, 1943, 9:45 A.M.

The devotional service Wednesday morning, November 3, was conducted by A.W. Peterson, of the Missionary Volunteer Department. The advent movement, he said, was begun by young men and women, and the future of the movement will depend to a large extent upon its youth. Tremendous influences are being brought to bear upon the youth of today. War is always a testing time for youth. It lifts them out of their environment and places them in an atmosphere where but little thought is given to the things of God. It confuses their thinking and leads often to a philosophy of fatalism. At the present time youth is being exploited by the tobacco and liquor interests. Among our own young people there is the tendency toward marriage with unbelievers, and surveys show that sixty per cent of those who marry unbelievers eventually leave the church. Motion pictures, popular magazines, and the radio tend to destroy ideals among young people.

God has directed in Isaiah 54:2 that we are to enlarge and strengthen our work. This can be done only by the power of the Holy Spirit as foretold in Joel 2:28, which says "your sons and your daughters shall prophesy," and "your young men shall see visions." Our greatest problem, Elder Peterson said, is helping our youth to catch the vision of the magnitude of God's work before their imagination is captured by the world.

Our youth must be saved for the work, and this must be done in the local churches. First, they must be converted and brought into union with Christ. Then we must make them feel that they are needed, that the Lord's work cannot be carried on without them; we must give them the vision of service. Young people's leaders are needed who will feel this special burden. A new emphasis must be placed on the true objectives of the Missionary Volunteer Society -- to work for other youth, to encourage and help the church through loyal service, and to work for those not of our faith.

The ninth business session, at 9:45 A.M., Wednesday, November 3, was opened with song, followed by prayer by B.P. Hoffman.

HOME MISSIONARY CONVENTION:

VOTED, That the Home Missionary Convention, scheduled for December 2-8, be held in Omaha, Nebraska, the Hotel Paxton to be the headquarters hotel.

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The following further report from the Plans Committee was adopted:

EXTENSION OF HEALTH EVANGELISM COURSE:

WHEREAS, The hour has manifestly come for a re-emphasis of the public-ministry methods of the Master, making the teaching of the principles of healthful living a vital part of our appointed evangelistic message, thus giving the "right arm" its rightful place in our body of public teaching, and employing it to open hearts to the presentation of other Bible truths; and,

WHEREAS, It is highly desirable that a well-balanced health education course be offered more widely to all gospel workers, which will afford a comprehensive understanding of basic health principles, avoid extremes and fads, make available authentic scientific materials which the worker can use in his health teachings, and set forth its effective coordination with the gospel message; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That the special Health Evangelism Course for gospel workers, recently begun at Loma Linda hereafter be conducted in two sections, under the joint auspices of the Medical and Educational Departments and the Ministerial Association of the General Conference, with the cooperation of the College of Medical Evangelists and the Theological Seminary; the western section being offered at Loma Linda, and the eastern section at the Seminary.

2. That essentially the same curriculum be offered in the two sections, adapted to the special conditions and needs of East and West.

3. That a committee, comprised of two representatives of the Seminary faculty, two from the Medical College, and the secretaries of the General Conference Medical and Educational Departments, and of the Ministerial Association, and Dr. H.W. Vollmer who has been fostering this project, work out the details of the curriculum, select and coordinate instructors for the various classes in the two sections, and determine the time for the course to be offered at the Seminary and at Loma Linda. The Medical Department Secretary shall be the chairman of this committee, and the Boards of the Medical College and the Seminary shall appoint their respective representatives.

4. That provision for a budget, together with final approval and authorization for these plans, shall be vested in the General Conference Committee.

ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SCHOOLS:

In order to make the name "Association of Seventh-day Adventist Colleges and Secondary Schools" fit more accurately the membership:

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We recommend, That the name be changed to "The Association of Seventh-day Adventist Institutions of Higher Education and Secondary Schools."

The Council recessed, and constituency meetings were called for the purpose of receiving reports from the Nominating Committee.

INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY:

On recommendation from the Nominating Committee, the following trustees of the International Insurance Company of Takoma Park, Maryland, were elected to fill expiring trusteeships: J.H.Nies, W.B.Mohr, J.F.Cummins.

CHRISTIAN RECORD BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION:

On recommendation from the Nominating Committee, the following persons were elected a Board of Trustees for the Christian Record Benevolent Association, Incorporated, for the ensuing year: N.C.Wilson, D.D.Rees, S.J.Lashier, W.E.Nelson, W.G.Turner, H.T.Elliott, M.V.Campbell, J.W.Turner, J.J.Nethery, M.L.Rice, F.W.Schnepper.

The constituency meetings each adjourned sine die, and the Council resumed, to hear announcements of sub-committee appointments.

The Council adjourned to 7:30 P.M., with the closing prayer by W.H.Teesdale.

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

THREE HUNDRED FORTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 3, 1943, 7:30 P.M.

"I Need Thee Every Hour," was sung to open the tenth session of the Council, and prayer was offered by E.A.Moon.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

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

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- We recommend, 1. That the Atlantic Union and the Greater New York Conference be requested to release A.E.Lickey to connect with the Southern Union for pastoral work in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.
2. That the Columbia Union and the Ohio Conference be requested to release R.G.Burchfield to connect with the Southwestern Union to serve as Book and Bible House Secretary of the Texas Conference.
3. That the Lake Union and the Indiana Conference be requested to release Frances Vaughan to connect with the Southwestern Union for church school teaching in the Oklahoma Conference.
4. That the Pacific Press Publishing Association be requested to release Jack Sherman to connect with the bindery of the Pacific Union College Press.
5. That the Southwestern Union and the Oklahoma Conference be requested to release Arthur Kiesz to connect with the Pacific Union for pastoral work in the Central California Conference.
6. That upon the recommendation of the General Conference War Service Commission, O.U.Giddings, of the Carolina Conference, be invited to serve as a camp pastor under the direction of the Southern Union Conference.
7. That the Southern Union and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference be requested to release C.R.Gibbs to connect with the Columbia Union for pastoral work in the East Pennsylvania Conference.
8. That the Columbia Union and the West Pennsylvania Conference be requested to release S.A.Relle to connect with the Central Union for evangelistic work in the Kansas Conference.
9. That the Central Union and the Kansas Conference be requested to release R.R.Cronk, and that he be placed under appointment for service in the South American Division as departmental secretary of the North Brazil Mission.
10. That the Southwestern Union and the Texico Conference be requested to release C.C.Sandefur, and that he be placed under appointment for service in the Inter-American Division as superintendent of the Guatemala Mission.
11. That Miss Mildred Sibley be invited to connect with the Southern African Division to serve as a nurse at the Bongo Mission, in Angola.
12. That Miss Elizabeth Carnahan be invited to connect with the Southern African Division to serve as a nurse at the Songa Mission, in the Belgian Congo.

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FUTURE OF OUR COLORED WORK:

J.L. McElhany explained that during the time of the Council the officers and the union conference presidents had been giving some study to the question of the future development of our colored work, and that they had two recommendations to offer, as follows:

We recommend, To this Autumn Council that a meeting be held prior to and in the same place as the Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee for the purpose of studying the future development of our colored work in North America, and that the General Conference Committee be authorized to make all the necessary preparation and arrangements for this meeting, including the naming of those who shall be invited to attend, it being understood that there shall be a number of representatives of our colored work invited to attend; and further,

We recommend, That in view of this forthcoming meeting, the committee on the relocation of the Riverside Sanitarium be asked to delay its work until after the proposed meeting.

The recommendations were adopted.

A further partial report was submitted by the Plans Committee, and adopted as follows:

CALLING OF NURSING SCHOOL TEACHERS:

We recommend, That in placing calls for teachers in sanitarium schools of nursing, the regular policy governing the transfer of all teachers apply, namely: "In the North American Division an organization placing a call with the General Conference for a teacher, after July 1 of each year, shall first obtain the consent of the organization employing such teacher." (Working Policy, page 81.)

MINISTERIAL LICENSES:

We recommend, 1. That the policy adopted at the 1943 Spring Meeting, providing "that Ministerial Licenses be granted only to those who are engaged in ministerial work and who would be expected to be ordained in due course," become effective immediately in all cases where the Ministerial License is issued for the first time.

2. That in the cases of experienced workers who for long periods have held Ministerial License, but who could not be considered as likely candidates for ordination, the organization concerned seek to apply the policy as early as practicable and consistent, each case being treated upon the individual merits.

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BIBLE INSTRUCTOR CREDENTIALS:

We recommend, That beginners in the Bible Instructor field be granted the general Missionary License, and that the Bible Instructor Credentials be reserved for Bible Instructors of experience.

BIBLE STUDY AND PERSONAL EVANGELISM:

WHEREAS, Every church member needs an increasing knowledge of essential Bible truths, of church organization, and of the best methods of working for others; and,

WHEREAS, A deeper experience is to be sought by all who stand today as God's witnesses of the third angel's message; and,

WHEREAS, Many new members are coming into the church through reading or by private study of the doctrines in the Bible correspondence schools conducted by conferences or radio evangelists; and,

WHEREAS, These new members, as well as many of the older ones, will grow into a strong spiritual experience and into places of usefulness and leadership in the church only as they continue to study the fundamental truths of this message and become acquainted with the many avenues of useful service within the church; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That believers everywhere be encouraged to qualify themselves to render a faithful missionary service to their friends and neighbors.

2. That in order to do this work more effectively, they avail themselves of the many helpful courses offered through the Home Study Institute, the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Departments, and our academies and colleges in their respective conferences. Such courses as Spirit of Prophecy, Lay Evangelism, Missionary Volunteer Crusader Series, Spiritual Leadership and Organization, Personal Evangelism and Lay Preaching, and the regular Bible courses in our school curricula are suggested.

Adjourned to 9:45 A.M., Thursday, November 4.

W.G. Turner, Chairman.
H.T. Elliott, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 4, 1943, 9:45 A.M.

The devotional service Thursday morning was conducted by W.H. Branson. The keynote of his study was, obedience to the heavenly vision, taking as his text Acts 26:14-26. We give a few extracts from the study:

The mighty vision that Paul had on the Damascus road changed his entire life. Whereas he had been persecuting the church, now he became its chief apostle. The call of God had come to him to preach the gospel, to preach it in the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. Thereafter he was never satisfied to settle down in one place, but hurried from one group to another, from church to church, and from country to country. He declares that he was not disobedient to the heavenly vision.

God has given to the Advent people the greatest vision ever revealed to any people in the history of mankind; a vision of a lost world hastening on to its doom and about to meet its God over His broken law; a vision of the final judgment of God actually in session, and of the church of God arising and going forth to every nation, kindred, tongue and people with the loud cry that that judgment is soon to close, and that it is time for men and women everywhere to prepare to meet their God.

It is a world message that we, the Advent people have, and it can never be finished until it is finished everywhere. There is nothing to be gained by completing the work in one or two places or countries, for until it is finished in all the world the church of God cannot enter into her reward.

This finishing of the work is to be done in a time of world crisis, such a crisis as the world has never experienced before, and during that crisis the church will be filled with the Holy Spirit, and thousands will be converted in a day. (Vol. 8, pp. 20-23) We cannot wait for a time of prosperity and peace in which to do our work. We cannot wait for conditions to change in the world. It is today that God calls upon the church to go forth to her appointed task.

We are engaged in the greatest crusade of the ages, and our time in which to finish the task is just about run out. We don't know how many more years the Lord will give us in which to finish the work. We should therefore be laying the most comprehensive, far-reaching plans that the church has ever laid to carry the message of salvation to men now. Let us face the task with a renewed determination not to be disobedient to the vision that God has given us.

The service closed with an earnest season of prayer.

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Prayer was offered by G.A. Roberts at the opening of the eleventh session of the Council, at 9:45 A.M., Thursday, November 4.

The Finance Committee submitted a further report, which being amended was adopted as follows:

CHRISTIAN RECORD SUSTENTATION:

We recommend, That field representatives of the Christian Record Benevolent Association be considered eligible to receive sustentation benefits subject to the following qualifications:

An average of 100 hours of labor per month per year.

An average gross income of \$200 per month per year.

We recommend, That the rate of contribution made to the Sustentation Fund by the Christian Record Benevolent Association be determined by the Minority Committee in counsel with the Christian Record Board.

BASIS OF COMPUTING PER CAPITA GOALS:

WHEREAS, Statistics on which the fifty-cents-per-week-per member goal is computed serve for general goal promotion; and,

WHEREAS, The efficient promotion of the varied activities of the church requires up-to-date statistics for the accurate computation of membership, goals, and per capitas; therefore,

We recommend, That in harmony with the plan now being followed by the Sabbath School Department, all per capita goals in the North American Division, beginning with 1944, be computed on the average church membership of the four consecutive quarters ending on September 30 of the preceding year.

FIRE PREVENTION AND SPRING CLEAN-UP WEEKS:

We recommend, That each of our institutions and conferences take an active part in promoting Fire Prevention and Spring Clean-up Weeks.

We further recommend, That both these weeks be those designated by the National Fire Protection Association for the state in which the institution or conference is located, and that the Treasury Department of the General Conference be charged with the responsibility of promoting the activities of these weeks, urging that adequate and exacting inspections be made and proper fire preventive measures taken.

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WAGE RATES FOR WOMEN PHYSICIANS:

We recommend, That the present wage schedule for women physicians be amended according to the following schedule, it being understood that the adjusted rate shall apply only to physicians carrying a full load of professional work:

First year	\$41.00
Second year	43.50
Third year	46.50
Fourth year	49.75
Fifth year	54.00

(Note.--This nullifies the paragraph following Section C, page 7, of the 1943 Wage Scale.)

TRAVEL ALLOWANCE TO MISSIONARY FAMILIES:

We recommend, That the question of a daily allowance to missionary families while traveling be referred to the Minority Committee with power to act.

MODIFICATION OF EXCHANGE POLICIES:

We recommend, That the following be added to the provisions of our present Exchange Policy, pages 206 to 212 of the General Conference Working Policy:

1. A mission worker, located outside his home division, who is transferred from one country to another within the division field in which he labors, may be allowed the difference between the current and fixed rate of exchange on additional funds beyond the 20 per cent provision, to an amount not to exceed 10 per cent of his salary received while in denominational service in said division. Such transfer may be made only by credit through the regular channels and at the fixed rate prevailing at the time of the worker's transfer. These funds may include receipts from the sale of the worker's household furniture, and personal salary savings.

2. In order to reduce the amount of clerical work and to eliminate many small items, adjustments of exchange between the fixed and current rates in amounts of fifty cents or less in U.S. currency or its equivalent in local currency should be disregarded, and all transactions involving no greater difference between the fixed and current rates of exchange should be entered in the records at the fixed rates of exchange, it being understood that this does not apply to Book and Bible House business which is handled at the current rate. The application of this provision shall not result in financial loss to the individual missionary..

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EXCHANGE OF FUNDS:

We recommend, That where union conference committees, in connection with local conferences, desire an exchange of funds by appropriation with the General Conference, this not be considered contrary to any existing policies of the General Conference.

MISSION FIELD VISITS BY GENERAL CONFERENCE WORKERS:

We recommend, That Paragraph 3, page 51 of the General Conference Working Policy, which provides that "Where the plan calls for the General Conference worker to spend one year or more in a mission field division, the General Conference pays transportation of the worker's wife to the field and return, in cases where it is desired that the wife shall accompany the husband," be revised to read as follows:

When a General Conference worker is appointed to visit the mission field, and it is authorized that the wife shall accompany the husband, the General Conference shall meet the transportation expense of the wife to and from the division headquarters and for such field itinerating as may be outlined by the General Conference or Division Committee, on the following basis: For trips covering four months, one-half the expense; six months, two-thirds; eight months or more, full expense, with intermediate times in proportion.

 DEFERMENT FROM MILITARY SERVICE--BORDERLINE CASES:

Attention was called to the need of care in seeking the 4-D classification for young men whose cases might be on the borderline of the special ruling by the Selective Service, which provides eligibility for this classification to our regular colporteurs and to our elementary church school teachers, and it was

VOTED, That the following be a committee to give consideration to this matter and make recommendation: C.B.Haynes, H.A.Morrison, H.M.Blunden, W.G.Turner, Dr. W.E.Macpherson, W.H.Branson.

Adjourned to 4 P.M., with the closing prayer by A.W. Peterson.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 4, 1943, 2:30 P.M.

The General Conference Committee met in executive session at 2:30 P.M., Thursday, November 4. The meeting was held in Room 25 of the Theological Seminary.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L. McElhany, W.G. Turner, W.H. Branson, L.H. Christian, J.F. Wright, E.D. Dick, H.T. Elliott, T.J. Michael, W.E. Nelson, W.H. Williams, W.A. Spicer, W.E. Murray, E.A. Moon, E.E. Franklin, W.P. Elliott, W.E. Read, J.J. Strahle, W.A. Scharffenberg, W.A. Butler, H.A. Morrison, E.E. Andross, E.W. Dunbar, Glenn Calkins, G.W. Wells, Dr. H.M. Walton, H.D. Casebeer, W.E. Phillips, H.W. Barrows, J.F. Cummins, R. Ruhling, F.M. Wilcox, C.L. Bond, J.A. Stevens, M.L. Rice, S.A. Wellman, L.K. Dickson, L.L. Moffitt, G.A. Roberts, W.K. Ising, G.B. Haynes, N.C. Wilson, C.S. Longacre, J.E. Weaver, J.J. Nethery, H.M. Blunden, L. Halswick, C.L. Torrey, F.H. Robbins, H.H. Votaw, V.G. Anderson, Claude Conard, R.G. Strickland, Dr. W.E. Macpherson, A.W. Peterson, E.F. Hackman, W.H. Teesdale, H.L. Rudy, W.P. Bradley, L.E. Froom.

Prayer by E.A. Moon.

The Chairman stated that the meeting had been called to give consideration to the request for counsel that has come from different parts of the field in regard to tithe paying in relationship to the payment of the income tax.

There was a full discussion of the question, which resulted in a suggested resolution, which was adopted in principle, to be edited and presented to the Council for action.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

M.L. Andreasen, Southern Union, first half of December.

L. Halswick, Home Missionary Convention at Omaha, December 2-8.

G.E. Nord, Washington, and British Columbia, in connection with an appointment in North Dakota already authorized; Home Missionary Convention, December 2-8.

H.D. Casebeer, Spanish churches in Colorado and Southwestern and Pacific Unions.

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N.Nozaki, Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, Berrien Springs, St. Paul, Maplewood Academy, Minidoka, Idaho, Topac, Utah, en route from the Autumn Council.

A.T.Okohira, Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, Berrien Springs, Granada and Denver, Colorado; Gila Rivers, Arizona, en route from the Autumn Council.

J.E.Weaver, institutes in the Pacific Union, November 20-30.

R.G.Strickland, Week of Prayer at Danville, Virginia, November 6-13.

W.A.Butler, Blythedale Maryland, November 6.

A.W.Peterson, workers' meeting in Syracuse, New York, November 9.

E.E.Franklin, Southwestern Union field missionary secretaries' council, November 12-15; Southern Union, including visit to Southern Junior College, November 29 to December 4.

F.C.Carrier, Madison, Tennessee, November 18.

F.H.Yost, Emmanuel Missionary College for Week of Prayer, November 5-13; Mt. Vernon Academy, Week of Prayer, November 14-20; Southwestern Junior College, Week of Prayer, December 4-11.

G.W.Wells, Week of Prayer at Boulder Sanitarium, beginning November 12, and remaining two weeks to meet other appointments in Colorado.

C.B.Haynes, Atlanta, Georgia, and Montgomery, Alabama.

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

THREE HUNDRED FORTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 4, 1943, 4:00 P.M.

The twelfth session of the Council convened at 4 P.M., Thursday, November 4, with W.G. Turner in the chair.

RENT SUBSIDY POLICY:

The Finance Committee submitted a series of recommendations on the Rent Subsidy Policy, which being amended was adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. That a denominational worker shall ordinarily not be obliged to pay as rent, exclusive of furnishings, heat, gas, light and water, more than 16 per cent of his salary, on the wage scale adopted at the 1943 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee.

2. That where it is found necessary, denominational organizations may grant employees an allowance to assist in meeting excessive rent expense on the accommodation needed for the worker and his family, it being understood that to qualify for rent allowance the worker shall rent his accommodation in counsel with his employing committee.

3. That the amount of this allowance shall be determined by the employing organization, taking into account the following factors:

a. The cost of suitable housing accommodation in the locality where the worker is required to live.

b. The housing needs of the worker and his immediate family.

4. That where a worker in counsel with his employing committee purchases a home, he shall be considered as qualifying to receive an allowance in harmony with the foregoing Rent Subsidy Policy.

5. That this policy be substituted for all former Rent Subsidy Policies.

A final report from the Plans Committee was adopted as follows:

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MEDICAL EDUCATION IN THE ORIENT:

WHEREAS, There has been developed through the years an extensive medical work in our three Oriental divisions, China, the Far East, and Southern Asia, a work which has been held in high esteem in official circles and has given prestige to our denomination and has opened opportunities for other phases of endeavor; and,

WHEREAS, There are large problems in connection with the adequate staffing of the medical institutions already established and it is imperative that a considerable number of capable nationals of these divisions, trained in the environment of the Orient, be qualified as physicians; and,

WHEREAS, The affiliation with St. John's University in Shanghai for training students in medicine has been terminated, and earnest endeavors to secure a similar affiliation with established medical schools, whereby Seventh-day Adventist medical students may be enabled to pursue their course with provision for Sabbath observance, have been unavailing; and,

WHEREAS, The China Division Committee, in view of the above-mentioned needs and obstacles, has submitted to the General Conference Committee a memorial requesting authorization to begin a program of medical evangelistic training in China; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That authorization be hereby given for the establishment of a medical evangelistic college for the Orient, and that it be planned so as to comply with minimal standards for recognized medical education in those lands.

2. That a beginning be made in Chungking in the present hospital quarters, on a temporary basis, under the leadership of the China Division Committee.

3. That the choice of a permanent location and the appointment of a permanent board of managers be determined by the General Conference Committee in counsel with the China, Far Eastern, and Southern Asia Division Committees at such time as changed circumstances will allow.

4. That the Medical Department of the General Conference, in collaboration with the faculty of the College of Medical Evangelists, give counsel as to the curriculum, plans of organization, and administration, and provide such other guidance as may be helpful to the controlling committee and faculty.

5. That the College of Medical Evangelists Board be requested to approve the name "College of Medical Evangelists in the Orient" for this proposed school for medical training, and that the College of Medical Evangelists be invited to sponsor the development of this new medical institution.

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6. That in the opening up of this work we concur in the request of the China Division regarding leadership, inviting Dr. S.H. Phang to serve as Director, and endeavoring to secure the services of Dr. Charles Dale and Dr. Philip Chen to join in this educational effort.

CARE IN SEEKING DEFERMENT FROM MILITARY SERVICE:

The committee that was appointed in the forenoon meeting to give consideration to the question of the exercise of care in seeking deferment from military service, submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, A special ruling has been issued by the Selective Service System known as Opinion 27, Volume 3, which provides an eligibility for a 4-D classification to our "regular" colporteurs as well as to our elementary school teachers on the basis of certain qualifications which are stipulated in the Order; and,

WHEREAS, Selective Service has set forth certain specific conditions on which a student shall be eligible for an occupational deferment as a pre-medical or pre-dental student, or shall receive a theological student exemption from military service; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That in the selection and induction of colporteurs into the colporteur ministry the established policy providing for a three-month full-time period of service before the granting of a colporteur license, be strictly adhered to throughout the field; and further,

That before seeking a 4-D classification for any worker in the colporteur field, the conference authorities be assured that the colporteur evangelist fulfills the requirements laid down by the Selective Service Regulations, and that he purposes to devote himself to full-time service in this work.

2. That the officers of our conferences and other officials charged with the responsibilities of our colporteur and educational work refrain from appealing borderline cases through the Local or State Selective Service Boards, but rather consult first the War Service Commission of the General Conference for counsel regarding such cases.

3. That our school administrators exercise the utmost caution to see that students under their care who seek entrance to either the pre-medical or the theological course do so with a definite conviction concerning their life work.

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4. That the College of Medical Evangelists be requested not to accept students for the medical course who are registered either with college or Selective Service as theological students.

FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OF DENOMINATIONAL WORKERS:

A special committee that had been appointed, to give study to the question of the full-time employment of denominational workers, submitted a report, which was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, Self-sacrifice has characterized the work from the very founding of our denomination; and,

WHEREAS, We are counseled that "our institutions are to be entirely under the supervision of God. They were established in sacrifice, and only in sacrifice can His work be successfully carried forward" ("Counsels on Health," page 316); and,

WHEREAS, Our established policy in denominational employment provides that "Our conference and institutional workers shall refrain from all side lines of business and give themselves wholly to denominational work and the ministry of the gospel" (General Conference Working Policy, page 89, No. 1); therefore,

Be it Resolved, 1. That we reaffirm this policy regarding the employment of full-time denominational workers.

2. That in the application of this policy all classes of denominational workers be earnestly counseled to refrain from any employment or activity that would be in any sense competitive with denominational endeavor, or that would consume time or energies which should properly be conserved to the ministry of the gospel or the particular denominational work to which the individual has been called.

3. That all employing committees and managing boards be earnestly requested to recognize and adhere to this fundamental principle.

EMPLOYMENT OF AGED PERSONS:

Attention was called to the fact that under present conditions it has become necessary for some of our institutions to employ a number of aged persons whose continued employment will not be possible. They will therefore not be eligible for sustentation benefits, and the question has arisen as to what obligations may be involved.

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VOTED, That the Minority Committee be asked to appoint a committee to give study to this question, and report to the Spring Meeting.

Adjourned to 7:30 P.M., with the closing prayer by L.L. Moffitt.

W.G. Turner, Chairman.
H.T. Elliott, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED FIFTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 4, 1943, 7:30 P.M.

The thirteenth session of the Council convened at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, November 4. "The Coming King is at the Door" was sung, after which prayer was offered by W.E. Nelson.

SPRING MEETING:

The Chairman stated that since the action was taken by the Council setting the date for the Spring Meeting, certain important matters have arisen that will require the attendance of a number who might not otherwise need to attend, and may necessitate also a little longer time than the date set.

VOTED, That the Minority Committee be authorized to make such adjustment as regards the date, and attendance at the Spring Meeting, as may be necessary.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION:

Attention was called to the fact that thus far the date set for the next General Conference Session, May 23 to June 2, 1945, has been tentative only. After some discussion, it was

VOTED, To refer to the Minority Committee the fixing of the definite date for the General Conference Session, with the suggestion that the Session be approximately two weeks in length.

OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD LABOR UNIONS:

The draft of a letter was submitted, to be addressed to the three large labor organizations in America, setting forth the position of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the United States with reference to our relationship to labor unions.

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VOTED, That we approve of this letter being sent to the heads of the three labor organizations in the United States.

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In/connection information was given that the White Trustees have compiled a number of statements from the writings of the Spirit of prophecy with reference to the question of Seventh-day Adventists joining labor unions, and it was

VOTED, That this compilation be duplicated and placed in the hands of the union and local conference presidents.

TITHE PAYING IN RELATION TO INCOME TAX:

The General Conference Committee in executive session having given some consideration to the question of tithe paying in relation to the payment of the income tax, the following was submitted and adopted as the result of their consideration:

WHEREAS, The Lord says that His people are to bring all the tithe into the storehouse and receive from Him a blessing; and,

WHEREAS, Throughout our history the visible blessing of the Lord has rested upon this people as a result of their faithfulness in recognizing God's ownership by the payment of the tithe; and,

WHEREAS, It is our understanding that government taxes on earnings or salary whether withheld at the source or otherwise, should not in any way diminish that portion of the income which we recognize as being the Lord's; therefore,

We advise all our believers that according to our best knowledge we should adhere to the principle under which this denomination has carried forward its work from the early days, and not permit income tax or any other expense from the salary to affect that portion reserved by God for Himself. This would mean the paying of the tithe on the full salary and earnings before any deduction and payment has been made by way of income taxes.

DISCONTINUING SERVICE OF EXPERIENCED WORKERS:

VOTED, That the item on the Agenda, "Discontinuing Service of Experienced Workers," be referred to the Spring Meeting for study and possible action.

PETITION TO THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS:

The Chairman of the Plans Committee reported that a recommendation had come to that committee, that a petition to the United States Congress be drawn up, asking that the sale and manufacture of alcoholic beverages be banned for the duration of the war and the post-war reconstruction period, but owing to

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lack of time the Plans Committee had not been able to prepare such a petition.

VOTED, That the Minority Committee be asked to prepare a petition to the President and to Congress on this question.

HEALTH MAGAZINES:

The chairman of the committee that was appointed to prepare a guiding policy to govern the methods and procedures to be followed by the publishing houses in advertising and promoting the two health journals, "Life and Health" and "Health," reported that the committee felt it would be better to allow the publishing house to work out their own plans in this respect, inasmuch as since their representatives have been together they have found themselves in agreement as to the methods to be used.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MISSIONARY APPOINTEES:

VOTED, That the Minority Committee be asked to give study to the question of financial assistance to missionary appointees, with a view to making provision for more liberal help on the indebtedness of a missionary appointee, especially in the case of physicians, than our present policy allows.

THE BUDGET:

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

[See following pages]

BUDGET FOR 1944

WE RECOMMEND, That the Base and Special Appropriations for 1944 to the world fields be made from the following estimated income and available funds:

Regular General Conference Income	4 946 370 58
Gen. Conf. Operating Reserves	1 839 982 17
Gen. Conf. Special Appropriations	100 000 00
Church Extension Funds	<u>195 690 00</u>

Total Estimated Income and
Available Funds for 1944

7 082 042 75

WE RECOMMEND, 1. That the regular base appropriations for 1944 be as follows:

Overseas:

Australasia	9 000 00
China	506 150 00
Far East	460 450 00
Inter-America	355 800 00
Middle East	185 950 00
Northern Europe	115 000 00
South America	384 000 00
Southern Africa	515 450 00
Southern Asia	483 000 00
Southern Europe	<u>272 000 00</u>

Total, Overseas

3 286 800 00

North American and General:

Canada:	
Operating	44 000 00
French Mission	12 750 00
North Pacific:	
Alaska	1 200 00
Southwestern:	
Operating	10 800 00
Spanish-American Seminary	4 800 00
North American, Colored:	
Southern	34 870 00
Southwestern	13 640 00
Oakwood	21 500 00
Riverside	14 900 00
S.D.A. Theological Seminary	37 500 00
Bureau of Home Missions	115 700 00
College Medical Evangelists	59 000 00
E.G. White Publications	8 300 00
S.D.A. Dental Home	5 000 00
Radio, Latin America	90 000 00
Missions Advance	110 400 00

Miscellaneous & Fixed	551 460 58	
Administration	<u>462 000 00</u>	
Total North American and General		<u>1 597 820 58</u>
Total Regular Budget for 1944		4 884 620 58

2. That Special Appropriations be as follows:

Overseas:

Rehabilitation	750 000 00	
China Division, operating	305 000 00	

Evangelism:

China	1 000 00	
Southern Asia	5 000 00	
Southern Africa	5 000 00	
South America	10 000 00	
Inter-America	10 000 00	
Middle East Union	2 000 00	
Northern Europe	<u>5 000 00</u>	38 000 00

China	30 000 00	
Inter-America	75 000 00	
Middle East Union	25 000 00	
Northern Europe	25 000 00	
Southern Africa	75 000 00	
South America	75 000 00	
Southern Asia	72 153 24	
Southern Europe	<u>25 000 00</u>	

Total Special, Overseas

1 495 153 24

The Special Appropriations for Overseas Divisions shall be assigned by the respective Divisions, and such assignment reported to the General Conference.

North American and General:

Missions Advance	34 578 93	
War Service Commission	51 000 00	
Radio, North America	110 000 00	
Radio, Latin America	50 000 00	
Emergency	50 000 00	
Ministerial Internship, emergency	30 000 00	
Bureau of Home Missions:		
Japanese War Service	5 000 00	
S.D.A. Theological Seminary:		
Library	2 500 00	
Church School:		
Subsidy	37 500 00	
Readers	5 000 00	

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Atlantic Union:

Bible Auditorium of the Air	24 000 00	
Gr. New York, indebtedness	25 000 00	
Gr. New York, office bldg.	5 000 00	
New England San., indebtedness	10 000 00	
Atlantic Un. Coll., improve.	<u>7 500 00</u>	71 500 00

Canadian Union:

Watchman Press, indebtedness	25 000 00	
Oshawa Miss. Coll., cottage	2 000 00	
Newfoundland, school	<u>1 000 00</u>	28 000 00

Central Union:

Boulder-Colo. San., Indebtedness		5 000 00
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Columbia Union:

Sligo Church, Takoma Park		10 000 00
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Lake Union:

Emmanuel Miss. College	5 000 00	
Broadview Academy, operating	<u>2 500 00</u>	7 500 00

Southern Union:

Oakwood College Addition to Admr. Bldg.		<u>9 000 00</u>
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Total Special, North America and General		<u>506 578 93</u>
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Total Special Appropriations		2 001 732 17
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WE RECOMMEND, 3. That the following appropriations for 1944 be made from the Church Extension Fund to the Overseas and North American Divisions:

Overseas Divisions:

China Division .		10 000 00
<u>Intor-American Division:</u>		
Bogota, Col.	5 000 00	
Mexico City, Mex.	6 000 00	
Bucaramangua, Col.	5 000 00	
Havana, Cuba	7 500 00	
Caribbean Union	4 350 00	
To be assigned by Div. Com.	<u>5 000 00</u>	32 850 00
<u>North. European Division:</u>		
British Union, Cardiff, chapel	4 200 00	
Equa. Afr. Miss., native chapels	875 00	
Gold Coast Un.M., "	735 00	
Liberian Mission, "	200 00	
Nigerian Un. Miss., "	1 810 00	
N.French Cameroons M., "	500 00	
Sierra Leone Mission, "	<u>420 00</u>	8 740 00
<u>South American Division:</u>		
Asuncion, Paraguay	6 000 00	
Cordoba, Argentina	3 000 00	
Manaos, Brazil	3 000 00	
Florianopolis, Brazil	2 000 00	
To be assigned by Div.Com.	<u>4 000 00</u>	18 000 00
<u>Southern African Division:</u>		
Langa Bantu	3 150 00	
Brakpan European	2 100 00	
Liumba Hill, African	2 100 00	
Ndola, African	2 100 00	
Moshupa, African	2 100 00	
Ijwi Island, Congo	1 350 00	
Lubero Mission	<u>2 100 00</u>	15 000 00
<u>Southern Asia Division:</u>		
Chuharkana	1 575 00	
Trichinopoly	3 150 00	
Madura, land	1 575 00	
Pondicherry	2 520 00	
Surat	3 150 00	
Village churches	<u>3 030 00</u>	15 000 00
<u>Southern European Division:</u>		
Porto, Portugal		10 000 00
<u>Middle East Union Mission:</u>		
Damascus, Syria	6 300 00	
El Husn, Transjordan	<u>4 200 00</u>	10 500 00
Total, Overseas Divisions		120 090 00

North American Division:Atlantic Union:

Oakfield, Me.	500 00	
Bennington, Vt.	500 00	
New York, N.Y., colored	1 500 00	
South Lancaster, Mass.	<u>5 000 00</u>	7 500 00

Canadian Union:

Halifax, N.S.	500 00	
Red Deer, Alta.	650 00	
North Sydney, N.S.	850 00	
Vernon, B.C.	500 00	
Medicine Hat, Alta.	250 00	
Saskatoon, Sask.	500 00	
Cassils, Alta.	350 00	
Leaman, "	350 00	
Hanna, "	200 00	
Moncton, N.B.	<u>200 00</u>	4 350 00

Central Union:

Kansas City, Mo., colored	2 000 00	
Gothenburg, Nebr.	500 00	
Omaha Memorial, Nebr.	800 00	
Buffalo, Wyo.	1 000 00	
Rawlins, Wyo.	500 00	
Wichita, Kans., colored	875 00	
Taneyville, Mo.	<u>325 00</u>	6 000 00

Columbia Union:

Bluefield, W.Va.	250 00	
Anawalt, W.Va.	150 00	
Charleston, W.Va.	250 00	
Elizabeth, N.J.	300 00	
New Brunswick, N.J., English	300 00	
Pittsburgh, Pa., colored	1 000 00	
Allentown, Pa.	2 000 00	
Petersburg, Va.	300 00	
Essex, Md.	300 00	
Baltimore, Md., German	150 00	
Sligo, Takoma Park, Md.	<u>10 000 00</u>	15 000 00

Lake Union:

Vincennes, Ind.	500 00	
Rockford, Ill.	500 00	
West Frankfort, Ill.	750 00	
Elkhart, Ind.	1 250 00	
Milwaukee, Wis., English	1 750 00	
Flint, Mich.	1 250 00	
Monroe, Mich.	750 00	
Lansing, Mich.	<u>750 00</u>	7 500 00

Northern Union:

Minot, N.D.	700 00	
Ellendale, N.D.	500 00	
Newell, S.D.	800 00	
Spencer, Iowa	875 00	
Roseau, Minn.	800 00	
To be assigned by Un.Com.	<u>1 325 00</u>	5 000 00

North Pacific Union:

Seattle, Wash.		6 000 00
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Pacific Union:

Ogden, Utah	5 000 00	
Callexico, Calif.	250 00	
San Francisco, Russian	1 000 00	
Fresno, Calif., Spanish	<u>1 000 00</u>	7 250 00

Southern Union:

Birmingham, Ala., colored	2 000 00	
High Point, N.C.	900 00	
Jacksonville, Fla.	1 000 00	
Altamont-Gruetli, Tenn.	600 00	
Columbus, Ga.	500 00	
Wilmington, N.C.	<u>5 000 00</u>	10 000 00

Southwestern Union:

Amarillo, Texas	2 000 00	
McAlester, Okla.	500 00	
Baton Rouge, La.	2 000 00	
Abilene, Texas	1 500 00	
Lubbock, Texas	<u>1 000 00</u>	<u>7 000 00</u>

Total, North American Division 75 600 00

Total Appropriations from Church Extension Fund 195 690 00

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SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

Base, all divisions		4 884 620 58
Specials:		
Overseas divisions	1 495 153 24	
North America and General	<u>506 578 93</u>	2 001 732 17
Church Extension:		
Overseas	120 090 00	
North America	<u>75 600 00</u>	195 690 00
Estimated Revertible Funds:		
Overseas, Basis 1942	714 123 65	
North America, Basis 1942	<u>921 714 77</u>	<u>1 635 838 42</u>
Total appropriations for 1944, including reversions 1942 basis		8 717 881 17

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WE RECOMMEND, That in addition to the \$4,800 provided from General Conference funds for the Spanish-American Seminary, the Bureau of Home Missions appropriate \$1,800, and the Southwestern Union Conference \$1,100, thus making a total operating budget of \$7,700, for the Spanish-American Seminary of the Southwestern Union Conference for 1944.

WE RECOMMEND, That the union conferences of the United States be invited to contribute to the Voice of Prophecy budget for 1944 the same amounts given in 1943, namely:

Atlantic Union	7 535 26
Central	4 715 71
Columbia	11 833 53
Lake	10 488 12
Northern	3 638 79
North Pacific	8 380 92
Pacific	20 447 07
Southern	6 983 81
Southwestern	<u>3 476 79</u>
Total,	77 500 00

That we invite the following organizations to contribute to the Voice of Prophecy budget for 1944:

Pacific Press	2 000 00
Review & Herald	2 000 00
Southern Pub. Assn.	1 000 00
Christian Record	<u>3 000 00</u>
Total,	8 000 00

WE RECOMMEND, 1. That the following provision and allocation be made for rehabilitation funds for Overseas Division for 1944.

2. That this provision for rehabilitation made at the 1943 Autumn Council, be subject to future revision by the General Conference Committee as the need may indicate.

Far East, as of December 31, 1943	300 000 00	
Budget, 1944	750 000 00	
Gen. Conf. Rehabilitation (1943)	<u>138 438 96</u>	1 188 438 96

PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION

China	200 000 00	
Far East	200 000 00	
Northern Europe	175 000 00	
Southern Europe	175 000 00	
Central Europe	200 000 00	
Russia	200 000 00	
Southern Asia, Burma	<u>38 438 96</u>	1 188 438 96

November 4, 1943

APPRECIATION:

The following resolution of appreciation was adopted:

Resolved, That we, the 1943 Autumn Council, do hereby express our sincere appreciation to the brethren and sisters in Takoma Park who opened their homes in order to provide rooming accommodations for those attending from out of town; to President Rebok and his associates for their kind and courteous consideration of our needs in placing the facilities of the Seminary at our disposal for the meetings of the Council; to Ray Hanna and J.H.Nies for making available the Review and Herald and the Sanitarium cafeteria service; and to L.A.Hansen for the beautiful flowers that appeared on the platform and piano each day.

The Council adjourned sine die. "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" was sung, and E.E.Andross pronounced the benediction.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.