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FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 1, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W G Turner, W F Branson, L H Christian, H T Elliott,
 E D Dick, A W Cormack, T J Michael, W H Williams, H H Gobban,
 J F Cummins, J J Ireland, H W Barrows, W E Phillips, H H Votaw,
 Claude Conard, C S Longacre, Paul Wickman, J A Stevens, L L
 Moffitt, H M Blunden, A W Peterson, J E Weaver, W H Teesdale,
 R A Anderson, R G Strickland, W A Butler, L Halswick, C L Bond,
 Dr H E Walton, W P Bradley, R Ruhling, M C Taft, W K Ising.

OTHERS PRESENT: J.R.Ferren.

Prayer by L.L.Moffitt. Minutes of the meeting of December 28 were approved.

B.H.SAW--MICHIGAN:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference the call from the Lake Union for B.H. Shaw to connect with the Michigan Conference for district and evangelistic work.

PAUL MATULA--NEW JERSEY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference the call from the Columbia Union for Paul Matula to connect with the work in the New Jersey Conference.

R.H.MURPHY--ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Alabama-Mississippi Conference the call from the Columbia Union for R.H. Murphy to connect with the newly organized Allegheny Conference, as pastor for the Pittsburgh district.

RAFFELE VALERIO--EAST PENNSYLVANIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Greater New York Conference the call from the Columbia Union for Raffele Valerio to connect with the East Pennsylvania Conference, for Italian work.

JACK PROVONSHA--ALASKA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and the Nevada-Utah Conference the call from the Port Pacific Union for Jack Provonsa to connect with the work in the Alaska Mission.

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ONILDA TAYLOR--OAKWOOD COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Riverside Sanitarium Board the call for Miss Onilda Taylor to connect with Oakwood College as librarian.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

C.L.Bond, Missionary Volunteer Officers' meeting, New England, March 10.

S.Kaplan, Atlantic Union, in the interests of the Jewish work, February and March.

L.Halswick, Chicago, Brookfield and Milwaukee, January 9-17.

A.T.Okohira, to California to counsel with conference presidents re Japanese relocation, January and February.

J.A.Stevens, Southern Union Sabbath School and Home Missionary Secretaries' Council, Decatur, Georgia, January 27, 30.

F.C.Carrier, Anti-Saloon League Convention, St. Petersburg, February 26-28, and church appointments in the Florida Conference, February 23-25.

A.V.Peterson, Young People's Convention at Enterprise, Kansas, January 26-28.

L.E.Froom and J.R.Ferren, Federal Council of Churches meeting in Cleveland, January 16-19.

J.R.Ferren, Wisconsin and Michigan workers' meetings, January 17-25.

R.G.STRICKLAND--MEXICO:

VOTED, That R.G.Strickland be authorized to spend five weeks in the Mexican Union, beginning January 17, in response to the request from the Inter-American Division Committee for General Conference help for some meetings that are to be held in Mexico, it being understood that W.A.Butler will meet the appointments previously made for R.G.Strickland in the Pacific Union.

WEEK OF PRAYER READINGS:

VOTED, That the Chair be asked to appoint a committee of five, to suggest topics and writers for the 1945 Week of Prayer Readings.

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Committee appointed: W.E. Branson, R.T. Elliott, A.W. Cornack, W.A. Spicer, J.A. Stevens.

INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION--FURLOUGH POLICY:

In harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division Committee, it was

VOTED, That the furlough policy for the Inter-American Division, as found on page 132 of the General Conference Working Policy, be revised to read as follows: For Trinidad, the Guianas, Curacao and Barranquilla: term of service, four years, with nine months furlough. The remainder of the Caribbean Union, and Panama and Canal Zone: term of service, five years, with nine months furlough. Remainder of the division field: term of service, six years, with nine to twelve months furlough.

INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION--MEDICAL SECRETARY:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Inter-American Division Committee, that Dr. Clifford R. Anderson be hereby appointed Medical Secretary of the Inter-American Division.

RECONSTRUCTION FUND OFFERING IN OVERSEAS DIVISIONS:

VOTED, That the officers be asked to take the responsibility of supplying the overseas divisions with material for the promotion of the Reconstruction Fund Offering.

ACCOUNT IN SAN FRANCISCO BANK:

RESOLVED, That a current checking account be opened in the Bank of America, National Trust and Savings Association, of San Francisco, in the name of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and that the said bank be, and hereby is, authorized to honor the signatures of W.E. Nelson, Treasurer, and/or W. Williams, Undertreasurer, and/or H.F. Neumann, on checks drawn against this account.

JOHN BENEFIELD--SUSTENTATION:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the British Union Conference Committee, we approve of John Benefield being admitted to the Sustentation Fund of the Northern European Division, at £14-1-6 per calendar month, beginning March 1, 1945.

CARE OF REFUGEES IN SWEDEN:

VOTED, That we authorize the use of mission funds in the East Nordic Union, as may be needed, for the support on a regular salary basis, of any regular workers coming to Sweden as refugees from other Northern European countries.

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VOTED, That \$2,000 be made available from the Emergency Relief Fund, to assist in the care of any of our lay members who may be in Sweden as refugees from other Northern European countries.

DR. HERBERT LIU--POSTGRADUATE WORK:

VOTED, That Dr. Walton be asked to assist Dr. Herbert Liu in working out a program for postgraduate work during the time Dr. Liu is here from China.

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

FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 4, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W F Branson, W G Turner, A W Cormack, E D Dick, H T Elliott, W F Williams, E H Cobban, Paul Wickman, R G Strickland, J A Stevens, J J Ireland, R Ruhlins, W K Ising, A W Peterson, W A Scharffenberg, C S Longacre, T H Teesdale, H W Barrows, Claude Conard, C L Bond, R A Anderson, H A Morrison, J E Weaver, E Phillips, E E Andross, C E Peters.

OTHERS PRESENT:

J R Ferren, A L White, Miss Lora Clement, D E Robinson.

Prayer by W.K. Ising.

R.L.BENTON--TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT:

In order to provide for some needed help in the handling of certain transportation problems during the next few months, it was

VOTED, To request the Central Union to grant R.L.Benton a leave of absence following his return from England up until the time of the General Conference Session, and that Brother Benton be asked to connect with our Transportation Department during this time.

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H.F. NEUMANN--SALARY:

VOTED, That H.F. Neumann, who has been placed in charge of the warehouse for war clothing relief in San Francisco, be placed on a weekly salary of \$45.00, it being understood that the Central California Conference will meet one fifth of this amount, inasmuch as Brother Neumann will also do a little church work in San Francisco.

MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIPS--ALLOTMENT FOR 1945:

VOTED, That provision be made for ninety-six ministerial internships for 1945, the allotment to be as follows:

1. That seventy-four internships 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

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

P.H. BARNES--VOICE OF PROPHECY:

VOTED, To pass on to P.H. Barnes, returned from South America, the call from the North American Radio Commission, to connect with the Voice of Prophecy office as associate treasurer.

R.W. WOODS--SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union Conference and Union College the call from the Southern Union for R.W. Woods to connect with Southern Missionary College, as head of the Science Department.

G.L. CAVINESS--SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union Conference and Atlantic Union College the call from the Southern Union for G.L. Caviness to connect with Southern Missionary College, as head of the Department of Modern Languages.

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MR. AND MRS. W.E.ANDERSON--

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and La Sierra College the call from the Southern Union for Mr. and Mrs. W.E.Anderson to connect with Southern Missionary College, in the Business Department and the business office.

S.. GERNET--SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union Conference and Walla Walla College the call from the Southern Union for S.G.Gernet to connect with the Music Department of Southern Missionary College.

MR. AND MRS. W.A.SCHRAM--

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Illinois Conference the call from the Southern Union for Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Schram, of Broadview Academy, to connect with the faculty of Southern Missionary College.

VIOLA KEISER--WHITE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Wisconsin Conference the call from the College of Medical Evangelists for Miss Viola Keiser to connect with the White Memorial Hospital as Bible worker, and assistant Bible teacher for the nurses.

W.E.ADAMS--ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Alabama-Mississippi Conference the call from the Southwestern Union for W.E.Adams to connect with the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference as colored assistant publishing department secretary.

G.R.KNUDSEN--LOLA LINDA FOOD COMPANY:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Washington Conference the call from the Pacific Union for G.R. Knudsen to connect with the sales department of the Loma Linda Food Company.

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

W.F.Bradley, Week of Prayer at Emmanuel Missionary College, March 30 to April 7.

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Representative of the Sabbath School Department to attend a workers' meeting in the New York Conference, in March.

R.G.Strickland, a meeting in New York City, January 9-11

L.L.Moffitt, Sabbath School rally in Southern New England Conference, February 23-25.

C.B.Haynes, meeting of the Federal Council of Churches, in Cleveland, January 16-19, in place of L.E.Froom.

Claude Conard, St. Louis, in connection with arrangements for the General Conference Session.

WAR CLOTHING RELIEF--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the following named persons be appointed a committee to care for the war clothing relief project, to take the place of the committee appointed on June 18: W.E.Nelson, chairman; J.F.Cummins, vice-chairman; R.G.Strickland, Mrs. Grace Mace, W.A.Butler, A.W.Cormack, J.A.Stevens, E.D.Dick.

SOCIETY

BIBLE/REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To invite the American Bible Society and the British and Foreign Bible Society to send representatives to address our General Conference Session, in St. Louis.

WORKERS RELEASED FROM APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That since they do not see their way clear to accept, the following workers be released from appointment:

W.L.Miller from the call to the superintendency of the

F.W.Wernick from the call to the Congo Union Mission.

W.T.Weaver from the call to the Malamulo Mission Training School.

H.W.Wolcott from the call to Paraguay, South America.

R.T.MINESINGER--MALAMULO:

VOTED, To request the Atlantic Union and the New York Conference to release R.T.Minesinger, to connect with the Southern African Division, as Bible teacher for the Malamulo Mission Training School.

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H.L. SANFORD--SOLUSI MISSION:

On recommendation from the Appointees Committee after further consideration of the medical report in the case of Mrs. Sanford, it was

VOTED, To reappoint Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Sanford to connect with the Southern African Division, Brother Sanford to serve as manager of the Solusi Mission.

RUTH INGRAM--COSTA RICA SCHOOL:

VOTED, To request the Northern Union and the Minnesota Conference to release Miss Ruth Ingram, of Maplewood Academy, to connect with the Inter-American Division, as preceptress for the Costa Rica school.

ERIC PALM--ETHIOPIA:

VOTED, To request the East Nordic Union Conference to release Mr. and Mrs. Eric Palm, of Sweden, to connect with the Ethiopian Union Mission, in response to the call for a man and wife, both nurses, for Debri Tabor.

MILTON REIBER--SIERRA LEONE:

On recommendation of the Appointees' Committee after furlough consideration of the medical reports for Milton Reiber, it was

VOTED, To reappoint Milton Reiber to connect with the West African Union, to serve as director of the Sierra Leone Mission.

W.B. Branson, Chairman.
A.W. Cormack, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 8, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

L H Christian, W H Branson, H T Elliott, A W Cormack,
 W H Williams, H H Cobban, J A Stevens, E E Andross, J J Ireland,
 M L Andreassen, H H Votaw, C S Longacre, W A Scharffenberg, W K
 Ising, Claude Conard, L Halswick, H W Barrows, W E Phillips,
 A W Peterson, C L Bond, F C Carrier, J E Weaver, R A Anderson,
 Paul Wickman, R Ruhling.

OTHERS PRESENT:

J R Ferren, F D Nichol.

Prayer by C.S.Longacre. Minutes of the meetings of
 January 1 and 4 were approved.

GENEVIEVE FORTNER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That we authorize the permanent return of Miss
 Genevieve Fortner from the Southern African Division.

WEEK OF PRAYER READINGS FOR 1945:

The committee on topics and writers for the 1945 Week
 of Prayer Readings submitted a report, which was adopted as
 follows:

We recommend, 1. That the following persons be request
 ed to prepare readings on the topics as suggested:

H.M.S.Richards,	Prophecy's Last Hour.
W.G.Turner,	Progress of the Work in the Midst of War.
M.L.Andreassen,	The Ministry of our High Priest.
F.M.Wilcox,	The Sabbath the Seal of the Living God.
E.D.Dick,	D-Day for a Great Foreign Missions Advance.
E.B.Rudge,	Sacrifice the Test of Discipleship.
J.W.Dunbar,	My Son, Give Me Thine Heart.
J.L.McElhany,	A Revival of Primitive Godliness.

2. That Mrs. Frances Howell be requested to prepare
 the lessons for the children.

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3. That Roger Altman be requested to prepare the "Instruction to Church Elders and Pastors."

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--BOOK DISPLAY:

VOTED, To reconsider the question of the book display for the coming General Conference Session.

Explanation was made concerning suggestions which have been received from the several publishing houses following receipt of our action of November 30, which requested the three publishing houses in the United States to collaborate in providing a book display at the Session, and, understanding that the Pacific Press has suggested that the Review and Herald take the responsibility of the display, it was

VOTED, That we ask the Review and Herald to take the responsibility of providing the book display at the General Conference Session.

D.N.WALL--WYOMING.

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the Iowa Conference the call from the Central Union for D.N.Wall to connect with the Wyoming Mission for pastoral and district work.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

W.H.Williams, Oshawa, Canada, the time to be arranged; Emmanuel Missionary College board meeting, January 28.

G.E.Peters, Columbus, Ohio, church dedication, January 20; Ephesus church in Greater New York, January 27.

W.H.Teesdale, visit secondary schools in the Central, Northern and Lake Unions, the time to be arranged.

Paul Wickman, Spring Week of Prayer, Southern Missionary College, March 17-24.

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE--STORE BUILDING:

Request was presented from the Southern Union Conference for approval of the erection of a store building at Southern Missionary College, sufficient funds being in hand to cover the estimated cost of \$18,000.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the proposed store building at Southern Missionary College.

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MRS. O. MONTGOMERY:

VOTED, That the salary of O. Montgomery, including medical expense, be continued to Mrs. Montgomery for a period of six months from December 1, and that thereafter her name be recommended to the Sustentation Committee.

JAMES STEALEY--FUNERAL EXPENSES:

VOTED, To accede to the request of the Southern Union, that the General Conference share equally with the union and the local conference in meeting the funeral expenses of James Stealey, a ministerial intern who died during his internship in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, our portion of the expense being \$171.14, to be charged to the Ministerial Internship Fund.

COLORED SERVICE CENTER--ABILENE, TEXAS.

VOTED, To meet one half the rental, or \$12.50 per month, of a hall in Abilene, Texas, to provide a service center for our colored young men who are in camp near Abilene, the other half of the rent being met by the Southwestern Union Conference.

INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION--HURRICANE RELIEF:

VOTED, To appropriate an additional \$8,000 to the Inter-American Division, to assist in restoring church buildings that were damaged or completely destroyed by the hurricane in Jamaica.

BOOKS TO ITALY:

VOTED, That in response to a cabled request received from Italy, the Treasury be authorized to send 250 copies of "Steps to Christ," and 250 copies of "His Glorious Appearing," both in the Italian language, to each of five workers whose addresses are given in the request, the books to be sent forward in two shipments of 125 copies each, about a month apart. It was agreed that a number of small tracts in the Italian language should be included with each shipment.

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

FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 11, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W H Branson, H T Elliott, H H Cobban, V T Armstrong,
J A Stevens, R Ruhling, E E Franklin, W K Ising, H W Barrows,
Claude Conard, E E Andross, C B Haynes, R A Anderson, C L Bond,
R G Strickland, C S Longacre, J E Weaver, W E Phillips, M L
Andreasen, G E Peters.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Roger Altman, J R Ferren, Donald Haynes, Miss Lora
Clement.

Prayer by E.E.Andross. Minutes of the meeting of Jan-
uary 8 were approved.

R.J.THOMAS--COLORADO:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the
Idaho Conference the call from the Central Union for R.J.Thomas
to connect with the Colorado Conference for district work.

H.W.TAYLOR--ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Canadian Union Conference and
Oshawa Missionary College the call from the Atlantic Union for
H.W.Taylor to connect with the English Department of Atlantic
Union College, at the end of the present school year.

RUTH WHITFIELD--FOREST LAKE ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Michigan
Conference the call from the Southern Union for Miss Ruth Whit-
field, of the Adelpian Academy, to connect with Forest Lake
Academy, as matron.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That we approve of A.L.White's meeting apocoint-
ments at Emmanuel Missionary College, February 12-17.

VOTED, That we authorize an itinerary for W.K.Ising in
the Southwestern Union during the remainder of January, in pro-
motion of the Reconstruction Offering of February 3.

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MURIEL FLEMING--RELEASED:

VOTED, That since the way is not clear for her to accept, Miss Muriel Fleming be released from the call to the Southern Asia Division for nursing work in India.

MARJORIE FIELDS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, On recommendation of the South American Division Committee, that we authorize the permanent return of Miss Marjorie Fields, on the termination of her service period in August of this year.

R.M.MILNE--LANGUAGE STUDY:

VOTED, That R.M.Milne, under appointment to India, be authorized to join the Urdu language class at Union College for such time as may elapse before he can secure transportation to the field.

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

FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 16, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W H Branson, L H Christian, H T Elliott, W H Williams,
H H Cobban, J A Stevens, J J Ireland, C B Haynes, R Ruhling,
Claude Conard, H W Barrows, A W Peterson, R A Anderson, M C Taft,
H C Kephart, W E Phillips, Paul Wickman, C S Longacre, C L Bond,
G E Peters, E E Andross, F H Robbins, J E Weaver.

OTHERS PRESENT:

A L White, Donald Haynes.

Prayer by H.C.Kephart. Minutes of the meeting of Januar
11 were approved.

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE--SPECIAL MEETING:

In view of the request being made by the government
relative to the holding of conventions during this year, it was

VOTED, That a special meeting of the General Conference
Committee, including available members in North America, be
called for February 20, beginning at 10 A.M., to give considera-
tion to the question of our holding the General Conference Ses-
sion and departmental and other conventions, and to consider
other matters that need early attention, the union conference
presidents especially being urged to attend.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS:

VOTED, To refer to our Committee on Industrial Rela-
tions for favorable consideration the Statement of Position
adopted by the General Conference of the Brethren in Christ and
by the Mennonite General Conference, and that we authorize the
committee in presenting our Statement, as contained in the
minutes of December 28, 1944, to the heads of the labor organi-
zations and the Secretary of Labor to explore the possibilities
of obtaining similar concessions and consideration as have been
granted these other churches. This would include an agreement
by which Seventh-day Adventist employees would be allowed to
contribute sums of money equivalent to union dues into the gen-
eral treasury of the labor unions for benevolent or charitable
causes without becoming members of the unions or participating
in their activities, and without payment of union fees and dues.

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LITERATURE FOR 47th and 174th GENERAL HOSPITALS:

VOTED, That the War Service Commission be authorized to secure and send forward a supply of literature for the 47th General Hospital, in the South Pacific, as requested by recent letters from W.H.Bergherm.

VOTED, That the War Service Commission be authorized to send a supply of our literature to the 174th General Hospital in France, in response to a request from the Chaplain, who reports that a number of Seventh-day Adventist boys are in this hospital.

ARMY AND NAVY CHAPLAINS--MEMBERSHIP FEE:

VOTED, That the Treasury be authorized to pay the annual membership fee of \$100, for the membership of C.B.Haynes and H.H. Votaw in the Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains.

GROVER FATTIC--CAMP PASTOR, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC:

VOTED, To request the Central Union to grant Grover Fattic a leave of absence for such time as he may be able to serve in camp pastor work in the area of the Southwest Pacific.

CHURCH MANUAL--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the officers be asked to appoint a committee to give study to suggested revisions for the Church Manual in anticipation of the publication of a new edition, the present edition being exhausted.

Committee appointed: L.H.Christian, W.E.Read, E.D.Dick, W.H.Branson, M.E.Kern, Roger Altman.

RELIEF SUPPLIES FOR ITALY:

The Chairman reported an interview with Drs. Robert W. Anthony and P.J.Zaccara, of the Federal Council of Churches and the Foreign Missions Conference, who with a representative of the Southern Baptists, have been granted government permission to visit Italy on behalf of the Protestant churches of America, in the interests of the relief supplies that are being gathered by the churches in America and sent to Italy. These men have expressed their willingness to represent our denomination in connection with this mission, and to see that we have a representative on the committee in Italy, of which Myron Taylor is the chairman, which has to do with the distribution of the relief supplies that are sent over. They explained that we may tag any supplies that we send as coming from the Seventh-day Adventist church in America. They stated also that in visiting Italy,

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and Berne, Switzerland, they will be glad to inquire concerning conditions affecting our work, and to report to us on our losses and rehabilitation needs.

VOTED, That we gratefully accept the offer of Drs. Robert W. Anthony and P.J.Zaccara to represent the Seventh-day Adventist Church along with the other Protestant churches in America on their mission to Italy, and that the officers be authorized to give them letters of introduction to L.Beer in Florence, Italy, and to A.V.Olson in Berne.

VOTED, That we authorize our Committee on Relief Clothing to allocate to Italy a reasonable proportion of the clothing our churches have gathered, to be sent forward by the general organization that is making shipments, it being understood that we will have a representative on the distributing committee to see that our own needy people share in the distribution.

W.H.WILLIAMS AND C.B.HAYNES TO NEW YORK:

VOTED, That W.H.Williams and C.B.Haynes be authorized to make contact with A.L.Warnhuis, of the International Church Missionary Society, who has just returned from Europe, to secure from him what information he may be able to give concerning losses, and the prospects for reconstruction in Europe.

CLAUDE CONARD--CUBA:

VOTED, That we approve of the following auditing itinerary for Claude Conard: to Cuba to audit the books of the Inter-American Division, in February or March; and to audit the books of the Miami Transportation Agency in connection with the same trip.

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

FIVE HUNDREDTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 18, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

L H Christian, H T Elliott, T J Michael, W H Williams,
H H Cobban, J A Stevens, Paul Wickman, A W Peterson, M E Kern,
M L Andreasen, J J Ireland, Claude Conard, L Halswick, C L Bond,
H W Barrows, W E Phillips, C S Longacre, R A Anderson, E E Andross

OTHERS PRESENT:

Roger Altman, A.L.White, Miss Lora Clement.

Prayer by M.L.Andreasen.

J.C.CHRISTENSEN--GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Illinois Conference the call from the Southern Union for J.C.Christensen to connect with the Georgia-Cumberland Conference as pastor-evangelist in Savannah.

N.H.SAUNDERS--GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Southern New England Conference the call from the Southern Union for N.H. Saunders to connect with the Georgia-Cumberland Conference as pastor and district leader.

CLIFFORD HARRISON-KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Colorado Conference the call from the Southern Union for Clifford Harrison to connect with the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference as pastor of the Louisville church.

PEARL JENKINS--WASHINGTON SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and the Paradise Valley Sanitarium the call from the Washington Sanitarium Board for Miss Pearl Jenkins to connect with the Washington Sanitarium as dietitian.

D.E.NELSON--POTOMAC CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and the Texas Conference the call from the Columbia Union for D.E.Nelson to connect with the Potomac Conference as singing evangelist.

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GEORGE CASEBEER--COLOMBIA-VENEZUELA:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union and the Washington Conference to release George Casebeer, to connect with the Inter-American Division as singing evangelist in the Colombia-Venezuela Union Mission.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That A.W.Peterson be authorized to meet appointments in the Central Union early in February.

VOTED, That L.L.Moffitt be authorized to meet appointments in the Atlantic Union during the month of March.

JOHN HEGEMAN--RELEASED:

VOTED, That John Hegeman be released from the call to the Southern Asia Division, on account of unfavorable medical report for Mrs. Hegeman.

J. BERGER JOHNSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, On recommendation of the South American Division Committee, that we authorize the permanent return of J.Berger Johnson from Argentina.

J.M.ZEROTH--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, On recommendation of the South American Division Committee, that we authorize the permanent return of J.M.Zeroth from Brazil.

COMMITTEE TO INTERVIEW WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION:

C.S.Longacre reported on a trip to Reading, Pennsylvania, where he was called on behalf of some of our people who are working in defense plants and who have been having difficulty because of their refusal to work on the Sabbath. He explained that these plants generally are not fully aware of the directive issued by President Roosevelt, which safeguards the rights of religious minorities, forbidding discrimination on the part of managements against any workers because of their religious convictions. It was

VOTED, That the officers be asked to appoint a committee to interview the officials of the War Manpower Commission in Washington concerning this matter, and to suggest to them that the President's directive be called to the attention of all defense plants throughout the United States.

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Committee appointed: W.H.Branson, C.S.Longacre, C.B. Haynes.

It was agreed that the Religious Liberty Department should see that a copy of this directive is sent to all the union and local conference presidents in the United States, in order that they may be informed in case they are called upon to intercede in behalf of any of their members.

L.H.Christian, Chairman.
Roger Altman, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FIVE HUNDRED FIRST MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 22, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

L H Christian, H T Elliott, T J Michael, W H Williams, H H Cobban, E E Andross, J A Stevens, L Halswick, W E Phillips, M E Kern, C S Longacre, M L Andreasen, W K Ising, A W Peterson, Claude Conard, G E Peters, H W Barrows, E L Branson.

OTHERS PRESENT:

A L White, Miss Lora Clement, Arthur Keough (of Beirut).

Prayer by E.E.Andross. Minutes of the meeting of January 16 were approved.

W.C.DAY--IOWA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union Conference and the New England Sanitarium the call from the Northern Union for W.C.Day to connect with the Iowa Conference as secretary-treasurer.

MRS. VERDA TRICKETT--GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

VOTED, To invite Mrs. Verda Trickett, of Texas, to connect with the General Conference office for work in the Auditing Department.

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MRS. NORMAN KROGSTAD--MAPLEWOOD ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Kansas Conference the call from the Northern Union for Mrs. Norman Krogstad, of Enterprise Academy, to connect with the Music Department of Maplewood Academy, at the beginning of the next school year.

W.H.ANDERSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern African Division Committee, we authorize the permanent return to the homeland of Elder and Mrs. W.H.Anderson.

JUNE DAVY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern African Division Committee, we authorize the permanent return of Miss June Davy.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That G.E.Peters be authorized to meet appointment with the church in Detroit on Sabbath, January 27.

VOTED, That W.A.Scharffenberg be authorized to meet appointments in Florida, February 16-25.

MARACLE PRINTING COMPANY--

CANADIAN WATCHMAN PRESS:

A letter was read from C.G.Maracle, suggesting that the registered ownership of the publishing house in Oshawa be changed from the Maracle Printing Company, to the Canadian Watchman Press.

VOTED, That we see no objection to this change being made if the publishing house board feels that it is desirable at the present time.

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

FIVE HUNDRED SECOND MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 25, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

L H Christian, W H Branson, H T Elliott, T J Michael, W.E Nelson, W H Williams, H H Cobban, J J Ireland, M E Kern, C B Haynes, Claude Conard, J A Stevens, H W Barrows, M C Taft, L Halswick, W E Phillips, M L Andreasen, C S Longacre, Paul Wickman, F C Carrier, E E Andross.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Roger Altman, A L White, D E Robinson.

Prayer by Claude Conard.

MINISTERIAL TRAINING PROGRAM--

COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY COURSE OF STUDY:

The Autumn Council having requested the Minority Committee to appoint a special committee representing the field, the colleges, the Seminary, the Ministerial Association, and the Educational Department, to outline the courses to be included in the over-all training program which was adopted by the Autumn Council, it was

VOTED, That the following persons constitute this committee: the General Conference officers, the union conference presidents, H.A.Morrison, W.H.Teesdale, J.E.Weaver, L.E.Froom, R.A.Anderson, Louise C.Kleuser, D.E.Rebok, L.H.Wood, F.H.Yost, R.E.Loasby, B.P.Hoffman, H.J.Klooster, E.E.Cossentine, B.G.Wilkinson, G.W.Bowers, K.A.Wright, G.E.Jones, L.R.Rasmussen, J.L.Moran, A.W.Johnson, the heads of the Bible Departments of the senior colleges, and T.G.Bunch and H.J.Detwiler.

VOTED, That this committee be called to meet in Takoma Park, February 18 and 19, beginning at 10 A.M., February 18.

DR. HERBERT LIU:

VOTED, That Dr. Herbert Liu, recently arrived from China, be invited to come to Takoma Park for counsel at the time of the February 20 meeting of the Committee.

SABBATH SCHOOL COUNCIL POSTPONED:

VOTED, That the Inter-Union Sabbath School Secretaries' Council that was to have been held in Fort Worth February 19-21, be postponed to March 12-14.

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FRED KINSEY--MARITIME CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Wisconsin Conference the call from the Canadian Union for Fred Kinsey to connect with the Maritime Conference as Publishing Department Secretary.

F.C.WEBSTER, Jr.--MARITIME CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the Ohio Conference the call from the Canadian Union for F.C.Webster, Jr., to connect with the Maritime Conference as departmental secretary.

H.L.NEILSEN--MARITIME CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to H.L.Neilsen, returning from the Central American Union Mission, the call from the Canadian Union to connect with the Maritime Conference for pastor-evangelistic work.

K.H.MINIFIE--SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to K.H.Minifie, returned from Africa, the call from the Pacific Union to connect with the work in the Southern California Conference.

MARTHA FERREE--FLORIDA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the Potomac Conference the call from the Southern Union for Miss Martha Ferree to connect with the Florida Conference as Bible Instructor.

ELIZABETH HARTWELL--SOUTHERN UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union the call from the Southern Union for Miss Elizabeth Hartwell to connect with the Southern Union for work in the union office.

A.W.BAUER--KANSAS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the North Dakota Conference the call from the Central Union for A.W.Bauer to connect with the work in the Kansas Conference.

FAITH FULLERTON--WALLA WALLA TEACHER TRAINING SCHOOL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and the Northern California Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for Miss Faith Fullerton to connect with the Walla Walla College Teacher Training School.

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EVELYNNE WRIGHT--WALLA WALLA TEACHER TRAINING SCHOOL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and the Northern California Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for Miss Evelynne Wright to connect with the Walla Walla College Teacher Training School.

ELIZABETH ANDERSON--NORTH PACIFIC UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Missouri Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for Miss Elizabeth Anderson to connect with the North Pacific Union for stenographic work in the union office.

ERLING CALKINS--FRENCH MISSION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Wisconsin Conference the call from the Canadian Union for Erling Calkins to connect with the French Mission in Quebec, as evangelist.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That J.E.Weaver be authorized to meet appointments in the Potomac Conference, February 11-19; and in the Ohio Conference, February 28 to March 10.

VOTED, That C.B.Haynes be authorized to meet an appointment in Hartford, Connecticut, March 17.

DEATH OF G.B.YOUNGBERG:

The General Conference Committee learns with deep sorrow that G.B.Youngberg, director of the British Borneo Mission, died on July 17, 1944. For more than twenty-five years Brother Youngberg gave untiring and faithful service in the Far Eastern Division, a considerable portion of the time in Borneo, where he bore the burden of pioneering the work in different parts of that field. His devotion to Borneo led him to return without his family in the summer of 1941. He was interned by the Japanese government some time during the following year and was in camp until the time of his death. To Sister Youngberg, who has been under the strain of incessant and increasing anxiety for more than three years, we extend our heartfelt sympathy, assuring her that the life and labors of her husband have not been in vain and will in no wise lose their reward. We commit her and her children to the tender care of a loving Saviour, who is able to sustain and comfort in this trying hour.

DR. MARTIN H. VINKEL--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, To authorize the sponsorship required by the United States government on behalf of Dr. Martin H.Vinkel and

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his children, Edward Gordon and Betty Lou, in connection with application for permanent residence status in the United States, and that E.D.Dick and Roger Altman be named as sponsors to appear when a hearing is called in the case. Dr. Vinkel is a Danish citizen, who has been connected with our work in China.

R.T.MINESINGER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That since he does not see his way clear to accept, R.T.Minesinger be released from the call to the Malamulo Mission in South Africa.

C.J.SMITH--CONGO:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and the Illinois Conference to release C.J.Smith to connect with the Southern African Division, to serve as a mission station director in the Congo Union Mission.

DONALD WEST---MIDDLE EAST UNION:

VOTED, To invite Donald West, one of the students in the French class at the Theological Seminary, to connect with the Middle East Union Mission as Publishing Department Secretary.

MARY ZWEIG--CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION:

VOTED, To invite Miss Mary Zweig, student at Emmanuel Missionary College, to connect with the Inter-American Division, for stenographic work in the Central American Union office.

B.K.MILLS--FRENCH WEST INDIES:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union and the New Jersey Conference to release B.K.Mills, to connect with the Inter-American Division, to serve as superintendent of the French West Indies Mission.

J.J.EWING--MEXICO:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and the Southeastern California Conference to release J.J.Ewing, to connect with the Inter-American Division, to take the principalship of the Mexican Union Training School.

PAUL KEMPER--PARAGUAY:

VOTED, To request the Northern Union and the South Dakota Conference to release Paul Kemper, to connect with the South American Division for evangelistic work in Paraguay.

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SHIPMENT OF RELIEF CLOTHING TO ITALY:

VOTED, That the officers be authorized to arrange for some one to go from this office to Peekskill, to assist A.Dorn in getting ready the supply of relief clothing we have allocated to Italy, to be included in the shipment that is being sent from New York the last of January.

HEADQUARTERS BUILDING FOR ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE:

Request was presented from the Columbia Union for approval of the purchase of a building in Northeast Washington, at a cost of \$9,000, to serve as the headquarters office for the newly organized Allegheny Conference, the deed to be held in trust by the union until the conference can meet the purchase price.

VOTED, That we approve of the purchase of the property in Washington as described, to serve as the headquarters office of the Allegheny Conference.

HEMPSTEAD CHURCH:

Request was presented from the Atlantic Union on behalf of the Greater New York Conference for approval of the erection of a church building for the Hempstead church, at an estimated cost of \$33,100, with the understanding that they will not begin building operations until the full 75% of the estimated cost is in hand. It was

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of a church building for the Hempstead church in Greater New York, it being understood that construction will proceed only as the funds are in hand, after the 75% of the cost of the project is secured.

L.H.Christian, Chairman.
Roger Altman, Secretary,
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FIVE HUNDRED THIRD MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 29, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W H Branson, L H Christian, H T Elliott, T J Michael,
W E Nelson, H H Cobban, J J Ireland, C S Longacre, L L Moffitt,
C B Haynes, W P Bradley, H W Barrows, Claude Conard, E E Andross,
M L Andreasen, W E Phillips, C L Bond, M E Kern.

OTHERS PRESENT:

J R Ferren, A L White, Miss Lora Clement.

Prayer by J.R.Ferren. Minutes of meetings held January
18, 22 and 25 were approved.

ANNA DRAPER--PACIFIC UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Colorado
Conference the call from the Pacific Union for Miss Anna Draper
to connect with that union for work in the Medical and Publicity
Departments.

MISS PETERSON--FLORIDA SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and the
Hinsdale Sanitarium the call from the Southern Union for Miss
Peterson to connect with the Florida Sanitarium, as head of the
ladies' hydrotherapy department.

S.W.DAKE---SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union Conference
and Southwestern Junior College the call from the Southern Union
for S.W.Dake to connect with Southern Missionary College as head
of the business administration department.

J.C.CHRISTENSEN--TEXICO:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Illinois
Conference the call from the Southwestern Union for J.C.Christen-
sen to connect with the Texico Conference as Home Missionary and
Sabbath School Secretary.

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That C.L.Bond be authorized to attend a Youth's Congress in Southern California, March 23-25; and conduct the Week of Prayer at La Sierra College, April 6-14.

MINISTERS' RENTS:

VOTED, That in accordance with the statutory provision in the Income Tax law, excluding from gross income and exempting from taxation the rental value of a dwelling house and appurtenances thereof furnished to a minister of the gospel as part of his compensation, and a recent ruling making this exemption applicable to a dwelling furnished a minister teaching in a theological seminary, we approve of the remuneration of ministers in the employ of the General Conference who are eligible to this provision being arranged in accordance with legal requirements in order that they may receive the benefit of such exemption.

CANADIAN JUNIOR COLLEGE--SUBSIDY:

VOTED, That senior college subsidy be granted to Canadian Junior College for this year, in view of the program they have inaugurated of offering some advanced work for their ministerial students, the permanent status of the college and the continuance of the senior college subsidy being referred to the next Autumn Council.

PRICE OF THE YEAR BOOK:

VOTED, That in view of its larger size and the increase in the cost of production, the price of the Year Book be set at \$1.50.

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