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MINUTES OF MEETINGS  
OF THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
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AUTUMN COUNCIL  
OF THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
St. Louis, Missouri, November 7 - 15, 1949

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## FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 2, 1949, 8:15 A.M.

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J L McElhany, L K Dickson, A V Olson, J J Nethery, W B Ochs, J I Robison, E E Roenfelt, W E Nelson, H H Cobban, E J Johanson, T L Oswald, J A Stevens, K J Reynolds, C S Longacre, Claude Conard, H V Lowe, L L Moffitt.

The meeting was held immediately following the morning worship hour.

Minutes of the meeting of October 31 were approved.

## H.H.HICKS--LOCATING COMMITTEE

## GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION:

VOTED, To place with H.H.Hicks, through the Pacific Union, a request that he serve as chairman of the Locating and Information Committee for the General Conference Session.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.  
J.I.Robison, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## AUTUMN COUNCIL

St. Louis, Missouri, November 7 - 15, 1949

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## FOUR HUNDRED THIRTIETH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 7, 1949, 7:30 P.M.

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The meetings of the 1949 Autumn Council, with the exception of the Sabbath services, were held in the Seventh-day Adventist Central Church of St. Louis, which, with its numerous auxiliary rooms in addition to the main auditorium, provided the necessary facilities for carrying on the work of the Council. The Sabbath services were held in a large public auditorium a short distance from the church.

In addition to nearly all the members of the General Conference Committee resident in North America, there were present at the Council the local conference presidents and presidents of colored missions, the union conference secretary-treasurers and auditors and resident auditors, college presidents, the union colored evangelists, representatives from the publishing houses and from the Voice of Prophecy, and the sanitariums, as well as others to whom special invitations had been extended, including a number of workers recently returned from China.

W.R.Beach, president of the Southern European Division, G.A.Lindsay, of Northern Europe, and E.F.Hackman, W.E.Murray and L.F.Bohner, of the Inter-American Division, were also present.

"Lead on, O King Eternal" was sung to open the first meeting of the Council, at 7:30 Monday evening, November 7, and prayer was offered by Elder W.A.Spicer, following which Elder and Mrs. C.H.Lauda sang, "There is no Friend to Me Like Jesus."

## MESSAGES OF GREETING:

A message of greeting to the Council was read from F.M. Wilcox, former editor of the Review and Herald; and messages conveying greetings from their respective fields were read also from the following: N.B.Nielsen, of the Ethiopian Union; F.G. Clifford, of the Southern African Division; F.Fridlin, of Southern Europe; A.Minck, Central Europe; and W.H.Branson, N.F.Brewer and R.H.Adair, of China.

## OPENING ADDRESS:

Elder J.L.McElhany, beginning his address to the Council, read from the 19th chapter of the gospel of Luke, beginning with

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the 32nd and ending with the 44th verse, wherein is described the triumphal entry of the Lord into Jerusalem, the fact that Jesus wept as he beheld the city, and where we have recorded also the fateful words that He spoke, "If thou hadst known, even thou in this thy day, the things which belong to thy peace, but now they are hid from thine eyes."

"God had planted Israel at the crossroads of the nations" said Elder McElhany, "not that they should become a great nation or the world's leading capital, but that the plan of salvation should be made known to all the nations of earth. As Jesus looked over the city that day, he saw in retrospect God's whole plan and purpose in calling and preserving Israel,--that they might be a light in the world. But he saw more than that. He saw the abject failure of Israel. He saw the infiltration of heathen philosophy into their interpretation of God's Word. He saw the narrow, selfish, bigoted spirit of nationalism that had come to possess them. He saw Himself as their Messiah and Saviour being rejected. They still opened the gates of the temple, but the glory of the Lord had departed. They had failed to discern the things that belonged to their peace, and now they were hid from their eyes. They knew not the time of their visitation."

Elder McElhany pointed out that a comparable experience to that of Israel would be for God's people today to fail to respond to His call to do the work He expects us to do at this time. "For us to become self-centered and selfishly nationalistic," he said, "will <sup>lead</sup> us into a course of action that might result in the building up of a strong work here at home, to the neglect of other parts of the great world field. With the purest of motives and correct intention it is possible for us right here to become so self-centered in the work that we are doing that we can forget the rest of the world. Such a course, I believe, would bring tears to the eyes of the Master.

"Today, God has not chosen one nation only to be His representative to the world. Instead of one nation today, God has one people of all nations. The commission is to go to every nation and kindred and tongue and people. We have believed that in the past; we have acted upon it in the past; but I believe we need a new concept tonight of what it means to be a part of a world movement. I believe we need to use great care in planning for the distribution of workers and means; that we need to have a world vision. Let us make sure that the actions of this Autumn Council shall meet the mind of Christ, that He may have no occasion to weep over our blindness and lack of vision. We must not fail to follow the providential leadings of the Lord. Such failure would mean facing the same situation that Israel faced of old, when the time of their visitation came and passed!"



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Elder McElhany in closing spoke of the unprecedented opportunities for the preaching of the message, in China, Korea, India, and particularly in Japan, where never before have men and women been so willing to listen to the preaching of God's Word, and he appealed earnestly to the leaders in North America to curtail their requests upon General Conference funds, so that something special may be done to meet the pressing crisis of the hour in Japan and other places where the need is so great, and the opportunities so abundant. "We must avoid Israel's failures," he said; "and the way to avoid those failures is to arise and go forward with new earnestness and new zeal for the finishing of God's work."

Following the closing hymn, the benediction was pronounced by Elder L.K.Dickson.

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

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FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 8, 1949, 10:00 A.M.

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Elder A.V.Olson was the speaker in the devotional service Tuesday morning, November 8. Referring to the work committed to the remnant church, "no people or group of people since the dawn of time have faced such a Herculean task as we do today," he said. "When the apostolic church was charged with the responsibility of proclaiming the gospel in all the world, there were not more than 200,000,000 people in the world. The present population is estimated to be 2,264,409,447. How to reach this mass of humanity with an unpopular message is a staggering question.

"We have reason to thank God," he continued, "for what has been accomplished during the century since the Advent movement was launched. From its humble beginning among the hills of New England it has spread around the world. But what has been achieved represents only a fraction of what remains to be done. Vast multitudes in our populous cities and throughout the countryside in North America have never heard the message, and outside of this continent the picture is even darker. In the Southern Asia Division, for instance, where we are told there are 1,000,000 villages, we have only 10,000 members. By far the larger portion of the inhabitants of the earth are still unwarned.

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"The task of reaching these teeming millions with the message is a task that will have to be accomplished during the darkest and most difficult time in the whole history of our troubled world. Satan will do everything in his power to create confusion and turmoil in the world in the effort to make it impossible for the remnant church to finish her God-given task. But he will fail in his effort if the church remains true to her God. It is not the enemy from without that we need to fear, but rather the enemy from within."

Reference was made to the warning given by Moses to the children of Israel, of the danger of forgetting God when their herds and flocks and their silver and gold should be multiplied, and the fact as recorded in Judges 2:12, that they did forget God after they were settled in the goodly land and were enjoying its wealth and luxury. The same experience was repeated by the apostolic church. As long as they were poor and humble and consecrated, they were a mighty power in the world. But when they became numerous, rich, and influential they gradually forgot God. Other churches since have followed the same road. "Are we in danger," said Elder Olson, "of following in their footsteps?"

"Compared with earlier days," he said, "we are rich and strong today. Our material possessions have greatly increased. Our investments run into many millions of dollars and other millions are annually pouring into our treasuries for the support of God's cause. We look with satisfaction upon our growing army of college and university-trained workers. We are beginning to feel that we are making an impression upon the world. We have a prominent position on the air. The public press is open to us. All this is well and good. But as we grow in numbers, in power and influence, under the good hand of the Lord, it behooves us to take heed that we do not become lifted up in pride, and forget God from whence our help cometh. Let us rather unitedly and earnestly seek the Lord to lead us into a more intimate relationship with Him, that we may receive a new and larger measure of power from above to enable us to accomplish the task set before us."

"My Jesus, I love Thee," was sung to open the second business session of the Council, at 10 A.M., Tuesday, November 8 and prayer was offered by J.J.Nethery.

#### MESSAGES OF GREETING:

E.D.Dick, the secretary, referred to the messages of greeting which were read in the opening meeting, and stated that he had received two other messages since, one from the Australasian Inter-Union Conference, signed by N.C.Wilson and F.A. Mote, and one from V.T.Armstrong, of the Far Eastern Division. It was

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VOTED, That the secretary be asked to acknowledge all of these messages, and to convey greetings from the Council in return.

**DAILY PROGRAM:**

The following Daily Program was adopted:

Devotional	9:00	---	9:50 A.M.
Council Session	10:00	---	12:30
Committees and Boards	2:00	---	3:15 P.M.
Council Session or Committees	3:30	---	6:00
Council Session or Committees	7:30	---	9:00

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Nominations of Standing Committee were submitted, as made by the Committee in Washington, and these committees were duly appointed as follows:

Steering Committee:

J.L. McElhany, Chairman.  
W.P. Bradley, Secretary.

Roger Altman	L K Dickson	J J Nethery
H H Cobban	N W Dunn	W B Ochs
A W Cormack	H T Elliott	A V Olson
J F Cummins	E J Johanson	J I Robison
E D Dick	W E Nelson	E E Roenfelt
		W H Williams

Music Committee:

E W Dunbar, Chairman.

H H Cobban	C H Lauda	D E Venden
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Platform Committee:

L L Moffitt, Chairman.

R R Bietz	Carl Sundin
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Seating Arrangements and  
Distribution of Materials:

J A Stevens, Chairman.

H F Brown	G A Huse	L A Skinner
J E Edwards	D A McAdams	Paul Wickman
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W P Bradley	H T Elliott	J I Robison
M V Campbell	I M Evans	E E Roenfelt
P W Christian	W B Hill	H L Rudy
H H Cobban	E J Johanson	C A Scriven
A W Cormack	H C Kephart	J D Smith
E E Cossentine	L E Lenheim	J W Turner
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H J Detwiler	D A Ochs	

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H P Bloum	C H Kelly	*F H Robbins
H M Blunden	J C Kozel	E E Roenfelt
C L Bond	L E Lenheim	R P Rowe
W P Bradley	Meade MacGuire	F W Schnepfer
M V Campbell	J L McElhany	C A Scriven
T Carcich	H A Morrison	J D Smith
H G Childs	C J Nagele	A R Smouse
H H Cobban	M L Neff	W A Spicer
A W Cormack	Walter A Nelson	J A Stevens
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L K Dickson	F D Nichol	J W Turner
E W Dunbar	J H Nies	T E Unruh
N W Dunn	D A Ochs	H F Votaw
H T Elliott	W B Ochs	F M Wilcox
L E Froom	A V Olson	I J Woodman
E L Green	T L Oswald	R W Woods
		*J I Robison

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L K Dickson	D A Ochs	H L Rudy
		L A Skinner

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E H Cobban	J L Jones	F L Peterson
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H J Detwiler	C H Lauda	M L Rice
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N W Dunn	T R Lukens	R P Rowe
M K Eckenroth	W E Macpherson, M D	H L Rudy
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W P Elliott	A P McDow	F O Sanders
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J C Skull	W H Teesdale	W H Williams
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C E Andross	D Lois Burnett	H P Evens
W E Atkin	D C Butherus	E W Everest
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K C Beem	R J Christian	T M Fountain
W A Benjamin	J E Christiansen	E E Franklin
R L Benton	H K Christman	L E Froom
R R Bietz	A W Cook	S L Frost
L E Biggs	Claude Conard	O T Garner
F L Bland	J M Cox, M D	T R Gardner
I F Blue	C M Crawford	P D Gerrard
H M Blunden	C W Degering	Frederick Griggs
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L E Lenheim	D E Rebok	Owen A Troy
G A Lindsay	D E Reiner	G E Vandeman
M E Loewen	R M Reinhard	H H Votaw
C S Longacre	J J Reiswig	H J Westphal
E J Lorntz	K J Reynolds	R M Whitsett
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G M Mathews	G A Roberts	K A Wright
A S Maxwell	W H Roberts, M D	F H Yost
D A McAdams	J I Robison	H A Young
J L McCanaughey	H L Rudy	A L Zumwalt
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C B Miller	*R W Nelson	

## CHINA DIVISION:

Elder McElhary reviewed the events taking place in China during recent months, which have necessitated changes in connection with our work in that great division. Actions were taken by the Committee in Washington to this end, among them actions transferring workers to other divisions and authorizing the permanent return of others to the homeland; and an action setting up a provisional division, under national leadership, with headquarters in Shanghai. The regular division staff and headquarters had been removed some time ago to Hong Kong.

In view of still further developments, and on recommendation of the China Division Committee in Hong Kong, the General Conference officers after studying the problems involved, submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted:

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WHEREAS. Recent developments in China have made necessary the temporary reorganization of our work in China including the establishment of a provisional division in the territory of the China People's Republic; and

WHEREAS, The changing situation demands a plan of organization for China that will keep our work intact in both territories; therefore

We recommend, 1. That beginning January 1, 1950, the name of the North China Provisional Division be changed to that of the China Division, and that the administration of the work in China with the exception of such territories as may not be under the control of the "People's Government" be the responsibility of that organization, its officers and committee functioning under the direct counsel of the General Conference Committee.

2. That the China territories not under the control of the People's Government be under the supervision of the Hong Kong office and be known as the Hong Kong Provisional Division, with direct relationship to the General Conference, and that we continue to look to Elder W.H. Branson as not only the General Conference vice-president for the Hong Kong Provisional Division, but also that he be asked to serve as counselor on behalf of the General Conference to the China Division.

3. That in the administration of the work in China the General Conference Minority Committee be authorized to work matters out progressively with the China Division Committee and the Hong Kong Provisional Division as the situation develops.

#### STATISTICAL SUMMARIES:

Statistical Summaries for the year 1948 were presented by Claude Conard, the Statistical Secretary. Special attention was called to some of the outstanding features, as follows:

At the close of 1948 our work was being administered in 74 union conferences and union missions, 139 local conferences and 213 organized mission fields, and in 534 institutions. There were 9,749 churches, and 672,658 members. Members added by baptism in 1948 numbered 63,014, of which 14,821 were in the United States and Canada, and 48,193 in overseas fields. This was the largest number of baptisms ever recorded in one year, and registered a gain over 1947 of 366 baptisms in North America, and 7,933 in overseas divisions. The net membership growth of 44,064 was also a record in church gains.

At the end of 1948, 17,313 laborers were engaged in evangelistic and colporteur work, and 20,020 more were employed in schools, publishing houses, medical centers and other institutions. Of these 37,333 workers, 23,453 were in territories outside of North America, and 13,880 in the United States and Canada.



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Contributions in tithes and offerings for church and mission enterprises around the world totaled \$42,302,488.49, including donations for famine relief from North America. This was \$2,583,778.80 more than in 1947. Tithes of \$25,956,859.72 were \$2,107,234.57 higher than the previous year. Mission offerings of \$9,703,621.96 were \$410,481.01 more than in 1947.

Denominational properties registered an asset value of \$151,246,974.05. Of this sum \$100,340,457.67 represented property investments in the United States and Canada, and \$50,906,516.38 material resources outside of North America. The \$151,246,974.05 in property values was \$12,806,403.54 above that reported the previous year, and more than two and one-half times denominational asset values in 1938.

In 1948 church members and the listening public in North America contributed \$736,342.31 to the Voice of Prophecy broadcasting service, of which \$135,299.63 was donated through the local conferences. At the close of the year the Voice of Prophecy was broadcasting from 431 stations in the United States and Canada, and in overseas divisions on 233 additional stations.

During 1948, 267 mission recruits were sent from home bases for service in other lands. Since 1900, 6,211 newly appointed workers have been placed in overseas service. Work is being carried on in 228 of the 282 political and geographical areas compiled from the American World Almanac and the British Statesman's Yearbook. Late reports indicate that Seventh-day Adventist literature is now being or has been issued in 195 languages, and that missionary endeavor is now being conducted orally in 510 more languages and forms of speech.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer presented the Balance Sheet and Operating Statement of Income and Expenses of the General Conference for the six months ending June 30, 1949, as follows:

[See four pages following]

The meeting adjourned, with the closing prayer by  
E.D.Dick.

J.L.McElhany,  
A.V.Olson, Chairmen.

E.D.Dick,  
W.P.Bradley, Secretaries.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Balance Sheet  
June 30, 1949

ASSETS

Cash, Banks & Securities

Cash & Banks	\$ 3 412 729 43	
Securities	6 864 519 24	\$10 277 248 67

Accounts Receivable

Divisions	\$ 833 709 55	
Publishing Houses	159 220 25	
Transportation Agencies	59 554 03	
Department of Purchase & Supply	297 195 09	
Personal & Miscellaneous Accounts	<u>333 090 07</u>	1 682 768 99

Inventories & Prepaid Items

Prepaid Accounts	\$ 6 984 88	
Office Supplies and Stock	<u>16 260 13</u>	<u>23 245 01</u>

Total Assets

\$11 983 262 67

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable

Divisions	\$ 233 998 47	
Publishing Houses	2 598 36	
Personal & Miscellaneous Accounts	<u>183 728 57</u>	\$ 420 325 40

Trust Funds

College of Medical Evan. Bldg Fund	797 043 72	
Miscellaneous Funds	821 560 71	
Sustentation	<u>1 712 668 68</u>	3 331 273 11

Deferred Items

Blue Cross Insurance	\$ 313 35	
Unexpired Subscriptions	<u>7 707 04</u>	<u>8 020 39</u>

Total Liabilities

\$ 3 759 618 90

NET WORTH, June 30, 1949

\$ 8 223 643 77

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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Balance Sheet  
June 30, 1949

DETAIL OF NET WORTH

Regular			
Operating Capital, 1-1-49		\$ 4 838 756 16	
Add: Net Gain for Six Months		697 618 05	
Operating Capital, June 30, 1949		<u>5 536 374 21</u>	
Reserves			
Exchange Reserve		\$ 317 775 04	
Rehabilitation Funds on Hand:			
Assigned to Division but not yet used	\$ 1 645 572 87		
Publishing Houses Restoration	12 394 93		
Unassigned Rehabilitation less Displaced Persons	<u>264 123 07</u>	1 922 090 87	
Reserve for Fluctuation of Securities		170 403 67	
Reserve for 1949 Special Approp.	706 000 00		
Less: Disbursements to June 30	<u>531 000 02</u>	174 999 98	
Special Appropriations Unused (Previous Years)		<u>102 000 00</u>	
Total Reserves		<u>\$ 2 687 269 56</u>	
TOTAL NET WORTH, June 30, 1949		<u>\$ 8 223 643 77</u>	

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AND COMPARISON OF ACTUAL AND AUTHORIZED RESERVES

Reserves and Operating Funds			
Exchange Reserve		\$ 317 775 04	
Rehabilitation Funds		1 922 090 87	
Securities Reserve		170 403 67	
Trust Funds		3 331 273 11	
1949 Special Appropriations Unused		174 999 98	
Previous Years' Special Appropriations Unused		102 000 00	
Cash & Securities Available for Working Capital		<u>4 258 706 00</u>	
Cash & Securities on Hand, June 30, 1949		<u>\$10 277 248 67</u>	
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Authorized Capital and Reserves			
Cash & Securities Available for Working Capital		\$ 4 258 706 00	
Additional Capital Represented by Inventories & Accounts		<u>1 277 668 21</u>	
Regular Working Capital, June 30, 1949		\$ 5 536 374 21	
General Conference Authorized Reserve			
Operating Fund - 20% of 1948 Appropriations & Operating Expenses which amounts to \$13 000 481 41		\$ 2 600 096 28	
Reserve Fund - 20% of \$13 000 481 41 as above		<u>2 600 096 28</u>	5 200 192 56
Excess above Authorized Reserve 6-30-49			<u>\$ 336 181 65</u>

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 Operating Statement  
 For Six Months Ending June 30  
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	<u>INCOME</u>		Increase Decrease *
	1949	1948	
<b>TITHES</b>			
North America			
Union Tithes 1%	\$ 93 711 12	\$ 91 659 56	\$ 2 051 56
Regular Percent of Tithes	1 840 312 36	1 781 871 28	58 441 08
Special Percent of Tithes	790 132 03	875 550 72	85 418 69*
Miscellaneous Tithes	(11 419 12)*	12 897 87	24 316 99*
	\$ 2 712 736 39	\$ 2 761 979 43	\$ 49 243 04*
Overseas Non-Revertible	33 341 22	41 902 76	8 561 54*
Total Tithes	\$ 2 746 077 61	\$ 2 803 882 19	\$ 57 804 58*
<b>MISSION OFFERINGS</b>			
North America			
Seventy-Cent-A-Week Funds	\$ 4 370 029 85	\$ 4 120 148 87	\$ 249 880 98
Miscellaneous	4 959 67	22 494 54	17 534 87*
General Conference Session Pledges	1 750 00	1 750 00	1 750 00*
	\$ 4 374 989 52	\$ 4 144 393 41	\$ 230 596 11
Overseas Non-Revertible	512 110 95	653 172 40	141 061 45*
Total Mission Offerings	\$ 4 887 100 47	\$ 4 797 565 81	\$ 89 534 66
<b>MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS</b>			
Dividends, Interest, etc.	\$ 105 147 69	\$ 126 198 85	\$ 21 051 16*
Legacies & Matured Annuities for			
Foreign Missions	77 146 23		77 146 23
Miscel. Income & Donations	4 411 98		4 411 98
Royalties	1 343 31	1 088 29	255 02
Specific Mission Offerings Received	6 660 79	6 353 35	307 44
	\$ 194 710 00	\$ 133 640 49	\$ 61 069 51
Overseas Revertible Mission Offerings	850 721 20	785 827 07	64 894 13
Total Miscellaneous Income	\$ 1 045 431 20	\$ 919 467 56	\$ 125 963 64
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$ 8 678 609 28	\$ 8 520 915 56	\$ 157 693 72
Deduct: Total Expenses	7 980 991 23	7 631 857 33	349 133 90
<b>NET GAIN FOR SIX MONTHS</b>	\$ 697 618 05	\$ 889 058 23	\$ 191 440 18*

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	<u>EXPENSES</u>		
	<u>1949</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>Increase Decrease *</u>
<b>Administrative</b>			
Salary and Expense of Departments	\$ 419 297 42	\$ 400 588 95	\$ 18 708 47
Transportation Agencies	29 733 39	32 806 30	3 072 91*
Maintenance & General	23 007 46	17 973 27	5 034 19
Totals	\$ 472 038 27	\$ 451 368 52	\$ 20 669 75
<b>Appropriations, Regular</b>			
Overseas	\$ 3 353 350 00	\$ 3 245 599 76	\$ 107 750 24
Home	292 945 02	200 695 08	92 249 94
Miscellaneous & Fixed - Foreign (Actual)	139 819 35	120 062 01	19 757 34
- Home " "	248 502 07	292 436 09	43 934 02*
Totals	\$ 4 034 616 44	\$ 3 858 792 94	\$ 175 823 50
<b>Unbudgeted Expense</b>			
Employees' Housing	\$ 39 600 00	\$	\$ 39 600 00
Home Study Institute	574 69	1 106 17	531 48*
Religious News Service	300 00	166 50	133 50
Relocation Interned Workers, etc.	16 872 44	19 887 44	3 015 00*
Russian Budget		1 429 86	1 429 86*
Robert Salau Trip	2 179 17		2 179 17
Specific Mission Offerings Disbursed	6 660 79	6 353 35	307 44
True Education Journal	3 234 22	1 856 36	1 377 86
Totals	\$ 69 421 31	\$ 30 799 68	\$ 38 621 63
<b>Appropriations by Reversion</b>			
Ingathering Overflow	\$ 1 172 095 54	\$ 974 562 25	\$ 197 533 29
Institutional Comeback	464 867 05	453 135 25	11 731 80
North American Mission Funds Reverted	21 182 24	33 186 85	12 004 61*
Non-Tithe Funds Reverted	790 132 03	875 550 72	85 418 69*
Total Home Reversions	\$ 2 448 276 86	\$ 2 336 435 07	\$ 111 841 79
Overseas Revertible Mission Offerings	850 721 20	785 827 07	64 894 13
Overseas Spring in Tithes & Offerings	105 917 15	168 634 05	62 716 90*
Total Reversions	\$ 3 404 915 21	\$ 3 290 896 19	\$ 114 019 02
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 7 980 991 23</b>	<b>\$ 7 631 857 33</b>	<b>\$ 349 133 90</b>

## FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY--SECOND MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 8, 1949, 3:15 P.M.

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The third meeting of the Council convened at 3:15 P.M., Tuesday, November 8. Following prayer, the Council recessed, and legal meetings were called as follows:

## 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 financial standing of the Company was rendered by W.A.Benjamin, the secretary. Action was taken making a change in the Articles of Incorporation, allowing the Company to expand slightly the scope of its work. The nominating committee of the Council was asked to bring in nominations for the election of three directors for a term of three years, and one director for one year. Adjournment was taken to Monday, November 14, at 11 A.M.

## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION:

A meeting of the International Religious Liberty Association was called by J.L.McElhany, the president. The only business to come before the meeting was the election of a number of new members. Nominations being offered, the following were elected: Lester C.Bond to take the place of F.A.Mote; T.M. Fountain in place of J.G.Dasent; C.L.Palmer in place of L.W. Graham; C.L.Torrey to take the place of David Voth; and G.R.Nash added.

The meeting of the International Religious Liberty Association adjourned sine die, and the Council resumed for the closing prayer by L.E.Lenheim.

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

## FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 9, 1949, 10:00 A.M.

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In the devotional service Wednesday morning, Elder L.K. Dickson spoke most earnestly of the danger of our missing the way as regards our individual experience in the Lord Jesus Christ Using Isaiah 31:1 as his text, he pointed out the fatal defect in the plans of ancient Israel for their safety as a nation. They trusted in horses and chariots because they were many, and in horsemen because they were strong, but "They look not unto the holy one of Israel; neither seek the Lord."

Attention was called to the experience of the apostolic church, when they had not a single establishment, possessed not one church building, nothing but an upper room, and there was a great dearth of workers, while all about were multitudes to be reached with the gospel. That was a calamitous situation. But it was a wonderful day when the disciples learned what it could mean to the church of God and to the work of God for His people to gather in prayer, and to remain in prayer, seeking Him until they found Him, and until there was a manifestation of His power in their midst.

"We are moving, I believe," said Elder Dickson, "into the darkest period that the church of God has ever known, and this should be a challenge to us to do something we have never done before in the way of seeking God unitedly and in giving ourselves continuously to prayer. It has ever been against the darkest background in the experience of the church that God has most gloriously triumphed. I do not believe that God will ever give us His greatest blessing until we turn into the channels of His choosing, and give ourselves continuously to prayer, that the forces of evil may be broken up and God's work pass on."

The speaker referred to the great amount of time spent in laying plans, and in sitting on committees and boards, all very necessary, that the work of God may be planned for to the last detail. "But," he said, "the buoyant spirit and power of the Holy Spirit is needed in our lives to a greater degree, that we may be able to encompass our problems, and that we may have capacity to lay plans that will be more victorious than anything we have yet seen. We are here as leaders in God's work. God has laid heavy responsibilities upon us. We are face to face with events that call for a greater leadership in terms of God's power and His strength than we now possess. Wisdom is called for that we do not have. We are face to face with problems, for the solving of which we need the guidance of God that we do not now have."

Elder Dickson continued by raising some very pertinent questions that should cause sincere heart-searching on the part

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of us all. "I wonder," he said, "as our people look upon our leadership and our ministry today, whether they do not conclude that it is mostly made up of committee meetings and planning, and very, very little prayer. We see where the work of God must advance, and where difficulties must be met. Then it seems to me the first thing we ought to be thinking about is joining together unitedly in prevailing, importunate prayer. Surely at this Autumn Council we are face to face with the crossroads. Everything depends upon the way we take. If we go no farther than our budgets, if we do no more toward meeting the crisis of this hour than to withdraw workers, then God pity us. 'All power is given unto me, in heaven and in earth,' says the Lord. That power can overthrow every enemy that faces this people. And that power is awaiting our demand and reception through prayer. It can never be manifested except in answer to the importunate prayer of faith by a united people and a united leadership."

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The fourth business session of the Council convened at 10 A.M., Wednesday, November 9. Prayer was offered by G.E. Peters.

The Council recessed, and legal meetings were called as follows:

#### OAKWOOD COLLEGE:

A meeting of the constituency of Oakwood College was called by W.H. Williams, the chairman of the Board. A report concerning the work of the College was given by F.L. Peterson, the president, and the financial statement was submitted by T.T. Frazier, the treasurer. It was voted to ask the nominating committee for the Council, with five additional members to be appointed by the chair, to submit nominations for trustees for the ensuing term, and adjournment was taken to 10 A.M., Monday, November 14.

The five additional members to serve with the nominating committee were appointed by the chair, as follows: G.E. Peters, F.L. Bland, H.R. Murphy, F.L. Peterson, J.H. Wagner.

#### RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM:

A meeting of the constituency of the Riverside Sanitarium was called by W.H. Williams, the chairman of the Board. A report of the work of the institution was rendered by Dr. J.M. Cox, the medical director, and the financial statement was submitted by A. Warren, the business manager. The nominating committee of the Council with the five additional members appointed, was asked to bring in nominations for trustees for the ensuing term, and adjournment was taken to 10 A.M., Monday, November 14.



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The regular work of the Council was taken up, with J.J. Nethery in the chair.

DEATH OF A.T.ROBINSON:

E.D.Dick, the secretary, reported a message just received, telling of the death of Elder A.T.Robinson, November 8, at the St. Helena Sanitarium. Elder Robinson, who was nearing the century mark in age, was one of the early workers in the Advent movement. He was known and loved and respected by many throughout the world field.

Resolved, That we, the General Conference Committee, in Autumn Council assembled, do hereby record our appreciation of the many years of faithful and devoted service rendered to the cause of the third angel's message by our brother, Elder A.T. Robinson, and we extend to the sorrowing loved ones our deepest sympathy in this hour of bereavement.

R.RUHLING--SYMPATHY:

VOTED, That the secretary be asked to convey a message of our sympathy to Elder R.Ruhling, in Washington. Elder Ruhling had expected to be with us in this Council, but being seriously ill, has been prevented from attending.

REHABILITATION ALLOWANCE:

The following recommendation from the General Conference officers was adopted:

We recommend, That in applying the policy providing for a rehabilitation allowance to workers permanently returning to the homeland from overseas service, it be understood that in the case of a child preceding his parents on permanent return for educational or other reasons, an applicable amount of the rehabilitation and freight allowance shall be made available to the parents at the time of such child's return to the homeland.

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Recommendations from the Plans Committee were submitted, and adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE:

WHEREAS, During the past year we have witnessed the abundant blessing of God on His people and on the work that He has committed into our hands; enabling us, despite many difficulties and hindrances, to make advances in all fields of the world in the proclamation of His message, to build up and strengthen our work both at home and abroad, and to witness a record acquisition to our church membership; therefore

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Resolved, That we express to God our heartfelt gratitude for His many blessings so freely and bountifully bestowed and for His mercy on us in our shortcomings and failures, and that with a new and fuller dedication of ourselves and our all, we address ourselves to the prosecution of the task committed to us, doing our utmost to lead our fellow workers and church membership to unite with us in a great and grand endeavor, under the power of God, quickly to carry this last message to its ultimate and triumphant consummation.

#### MID-CENTURY HOME EVANGELISM:

WHEREAS, The unprecedented developments now taking place in the world reveal that the final crisis is right upon us and the hour of opportunity to proclaim God's last message is rapidly drawing to a close; and

WHEREAS, We have been told that "Before the final visitation of God's judgment upon the earth, there will be, among the people of the Lord, such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times" (Great Controversy p. 464); and that "The secret of our success in the work of God will be found in the harmonious working of all our people;" and that "If Christians were to act in concert they would move the world" (Christian Service, p. 75); and that "All the members should engage actively in missionary work. They should visit every family in the neighborhood and know their spiritual condition." (Vol. 6, p. 296); therefore

We recommend, 1. That in North America 1950 be designated as "Mid-Century Home Evangelism Year," and that it be made a year of unprecedented revival of missionary activity, during which every member shall seek to renew and deepen his own personal relationship with God, and during which the entire church, all conference workers and laymen together, shall, under God, engage in concerted soul-winning effort unparalleled since Pentecost.

2. That in this division-wide missionary endeavor, supreme emphasis be laid upon personal visitation of neighbors "by bringing the truth into their houses, praying with them, and opening to them the Scriptures."--Mrs. E.G. White, in the Review and Herald of December 8, 1885.

3. That three Sabbaths of the year be designated as special days for carrying forward this home visitation wherein we shall set as our goal to reach at least two million homes each day, the dates being, March 4, June 3 and October 7.

4. That the new tract, "Keep Looking Up" by H.M.S. Richards, be distributed on the first visitation date, and two other tracts be made ready for the later dates, and that in

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connection with this house-to-house visiting and literature distribution, effort be made to secure enrollments in the Bible Correspondence School.

5. That the publishers be requested to furnish these special tracts in the various foreign languages in which Bible Correspondence School lessons are available.

6. And that we encourage the continuation of this visitation program at other times, making such visitation a part of every missionary institute held throughout the year, endeavoring, under God, to reach every home on the continent.

7. That each overseas division be asked to give consideration to the adoption and working of a similar plan.

#### WELFARE FUND:

We recommend, That when conditions warrant, study be given by the union conferences to the dedication of a portion of the Ingathering reversion fund to welfare activities.

#### INGATHERING GOALS:

We recommend, 1. That the Ingathering goals for 1950 for each union in the North American Division, totaling \$2,500,000, remain the same as for 1949.

2. That we put forth every effort to achieve, in addition, a \$500,000 overflow for missions by July 1, 1950.

Adjourned to 10 A.M., Thursday, November 10, closing with prayer by E.W.Dunbar.

J.J.Nethery, Chairman.

E.D.Dick,

J.I.Robison, Secretaries.

E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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#### FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 10, 1949, 10:00 A.M.

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"He Leadeth Me," was sung to open the devotional service Thursday morning, and prayer was offered by Dr. S.A.Nagel, of the West African Union. Dr. George Harding, of the College of Medical Evangelists, was the speaker.

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Doctor Harding read selected verses from Ephesians 3 and 4, especially emphasizing verses 31 and 32 of the fourth chapter as the keynote for his message: "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice; and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." If we would earnestly endeavor to be more kind and understanding in our relationship with each other, we would be better Christians and more effective workers for Christ. There are occasions, the speaker stated, when we are working under particularly high tension, when we are inclined to be nervous, irritable, and rather sharp with those around us. At those times of excessive fatigue, it is much easier to see the faults of our fellows than it is to recognize their virtues. "Are we taking time out for prayer and meditation, so that we can see good in people and not just their faults? If we knew each other more completely, I doubt if any of us would be critical of anyone," he concluded.

The doctor then gave concrete examples of how his knowledge of certain circumstances in the lives of acquaintances had led him to be much more charitable and tolerant of their eccentricities. He also recounted the results of many visits to old classmates and friends who were afraid they were regarded as outcasts by their former church associates because they were negligent in church attendance, or perhaps had adopted forms of ostentation such as smoking or the wearing of jewelry. We should not be alienated by such a disguise or allow these outward things to keep us from making the effort that might save a soul and bring him back to the church. From personal visits with many of these men and women, the doctor was convinced that the workers in the field should not hesitate to approach these people who are really hungering in their hearts for contact with the church, and who are not beyond the appeal of the Spirit, no matter what the outward appearance might indicate.

In conclusion Dr. Harding told of the many causes he had for encouragement over the prospects for the future of the College of Medical Evangelists. He told of the inspiration that had come to the College through the visits of Drs. Sherman Nagel and Roy Parsons, who have been laboring as medical missionaries in West Africa. Dr. Harding gave assurance that it is the purpose of the instructors at the College to give the students a vision that will strengthen their conviction that they must be more than medical workers,--they must be real medical evangelists.

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Prayer was offered by A.W.Cornack at the opening of the fifth business session of the Council, at 10 A.M., Thursday, November 10.

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## CHRISTIAN RECORD AND BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION:

The Council recessed, and a meeting of the Christian Record and Benevolent Association was called by M.V. Campbell, the president. A resolution was adopted, expressing sympathy to the widow of D.D. Rees. The financial statement of the Association was presented by D.C. Duffield, the treasurer. The nominating committee for the Council was asked to make nomination of a board of trustees for the ensuing two-year term, and the meeting adjourned.

The Council resumed, and a report from the Plans Committee was submitted, and adopted as follows:

## ADMINISTRATION OF EDUCATIONAL POLICIES:

## I. ADMINISTRATION

1. The Union Conference Educational Board

a. That in every union conference in the North American Division there shall be organized a union conference educational board.

b. That this board shall be made up of the following members: the union educational secretary, the conference superintendents, the members of the union conference committee, the president of the college serving the union, the directors of elementary and secondary teacher training, the directors of schools of nursing and the head of the department of nursing education in the college, the principals of senior academies and the local and/or union conference elementary supervisors.

c. That the union educational secretary shall be the ex-officio chairman of this board.

d. That the board shall have regular times of meeting, at least one meeting a year.

e. That the functions and responsibilities of the union educational board be as follows:

(1) To act as an advisory committee for the union committee on all types of educational problems, policies, standards and practices.

(2) To authorize the teaching of secondary subjects in intermediate schools and junior and senior unaccredited academies.

f. That actions of the union conference educational board, before becoming operative shall be approved by the union conference committee.

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g. That in order to be valid the actions, policies, and standards adopted by the union educational board must be in harmony with the educational policies of the General Conference.

## 2. The Local Conference Educational Committee

a. That in every local conference in the North American Division there shall be set up an educational committee consisting of the following: conference president, chairman, with the secretary-treasurer and educational superintendent of the conference.

b. That it shall be the function of this committee to advise the conference committee on matters relating to the development and application of educational policies on the conference level.

## 3. The Staff

a. That in North America all church school teachers or assistants shall be employed by school boards upon consultation with the educational superintendent.

b. That elementary and intermediate schools shall be under the control of the church school board, subject to educational policies and practices active in the union and the local conference; the superintendent being the consultant in questions of policy.

## II. FINANCE

### 1. Teacher Transportation

That the plan of financing teachers' transportation shall be in harmony with the union conference teacher transportation policy.

### 2. Teacher Grants and Scholarships

That teachers shall receive financial assistance during leave-of-absence attendance at a Seventh-day Adventist college in harmony with the union conference policies.

## III. HOME AND PARENT EDUCATION

### Promotion

That the promoting and fostering of home and parent education shall be a regular part of the work of the departments of education at the General, union, and local conference levels.

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## MOTION PICTURE SELECTION:

WHEREAS, There are an increasing number of requests from our schools and other institutions, from evangelists, from conferences, and from churches throughout the field, for counsel and guidance regarding the selection of suitable motion pictures; and

WHEREAS, There is an urgent need for a greater uniformity of thought and a clearer statement of standards in this important field of education; therefore

We recommend, 1. That the General Conference Executive Committee in Washington appoint a standing committee of seven which shall make a study of the Christian standards and ideals which should guide us in the selection and showing of motion pictures, this committee to report its recommendations for the approval of the General Conference Committee; and

2. That this committee of seven shall serve as a permanent committee to evaluate and recommend suitable motion pictures which are in harmony with Seventh-day Adventist standards and ideals.

## ENLARGED SABBATH SCHOOL GIFTS:

WHEREAS, The 1949 Autumn Council has placed special emphasis on doing something beyond the ordinary in providing funds in its 1950 budget for certain areas of the world field that now present unusual opportunities for missionary endeavor; therefore

We recommend, 1. That our Sabbath schools throughout the world recognize this auspicious opportunity for pressing our mission work in every section of the world field; and

2. That our Sabbath schools be encouraged to go beyond all previous records in raising mission funds, remembering the counsel of the Lord that the providence of God is in advance of our liberalities.

Adjournment was taken to 7:30 P.M., with the closing prayer by H.M.Blunden.

L.K.Dickson, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick,  
H.T.Elliott, Secretaries.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 10, 1949, 7:30 P.M.

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"The Lord is My Light" was sung to open the sixth session of the Council, and prayer was offered by T.L.Oswald.

## MESSAGES OF GREETING:

Messages of greeting were read from Paul Frivold, president of the North Norway Conference, and from William McClements, president of the West African Union Mission. It was

VOTED, That these messages be received with appreciation, and that greetings from the Council be sent in return.

## MINISTERIAL TRAINING PROGRAM:

Recommendations from a Committee on Ministerial Training Program for North America were submitted, and being amended were adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. That theological students be so designated upon matriculation for college work in a theological course of study and upon their declaration of intention when registering for college studies and subject to suitable scholarship and behaviour, and spiritual experience.

2. That the designation "theological student" be continued at the end of the second year upon the recommendation of a committee of the college faculty which shall take into account scholarship, behaviour patterns, the convictions of the student, and evidence of his aptitude for and interest in the work of the ministry.

3. That the two upper division years consist of ministerial training with a continuation of general studies. This training is to be held to a pattern, the common core of which is to be a composite field of concentration (major) of 30 to 32 semester hours. A related minor of 18 semester hours is recommended, with the student choosing his minor under guidance.

4. That the colleges give strong undergraduate in-training practice or field work in evangelism and the principal phases of pastoral responsibility under close and systematic supervision by college staff members, all colleges meeting specified minimum standards.

5. That, except in Canada, the bachelor of arts degree be conferred on theological graduates after the completion of four years of college, with the over-all academic pattern in



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reasonable harmony with liberal arts standards. The semester-hour requirement for graduation shall be 140. (In harmony with Spring Council action, February 20, 1945.)

6. That all ministerial students in our colleges be given a course or courses in the Spirit of prophecy in which are stressed its place and work in the Second Advent Movement, and in which the student shall become well acquainted with the writings of Mrs. E.G.White.

7. That the colleges be asked to invite the Theological Seminary to send representatives to counsel with graduating students regarding their future work and education for the purpose of presenting to the seniors the advantages of advanced work at the Seminary.

8. That as workers we encourage promising candidates for the ministry who do not enter conference employ immediately after the completion of their college studies to continue their education and training for the ministry at the Theological Seminary at their own expense.

9. That the conferences include in their consideration for internships young men of promise who, having completed a ministerial training course in one of our colleges, have continued their studies at the Theological Seminary.

10. That the General Conference Committee appoint a standing committee on theological curriculum and ministerial training, with representatives from the General Conference administrators, the Ministerial Association, the Department of Education, the Medical Department, the Theological Seminary, field administrators, college administrators, and college Bible teachers. It shall be the function of this committee to study the over-all pattern of training of the Seventh-day Adventist minister, and to bring to Autumn Councils from time to time its findings with recommendations for improving or strengthening the program.

11. That the policy on internships be revised so that conferences so desiring may send workers to the Theological Seminary for the second year of their internship, on the regular internship plan of financial support.

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The closing prayer was by W.B.Ochs, as the meeting adjourned.

L.K.Dickson, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick,  
H.T.Elliott, Secretaries.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 11, 1949, 10:00 A.M.

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The hearts of all present at the devotional service Friday morning were stirred as we listened to the study by H.M. Blunden on the gift and work of the Holy Spirit. "We are told" he said, "that in the gift of the Holy Spirit are contained all of heaven's resources; and further, that 'all heaven is waiting.' And we are waiting."

"We are in expectation as a people," he continued, "of something that will bring vitality and power to the Advent movement. But we are looking for it in the future, not immediately, not now. We are told that when it comes it will finish the work rapidly. There will be such an enduement of power that men will go into the world with their faces lighted up with the glory of God, to carry the message of God to a sin-stricken people. Does God have a set time for the bestowal of that power, or do we by long and insistent prayer have to force His hand to give that which He has promised? Is there anything that I can do, or that we can do collectively to hasten the arrival of that day?"

"I have found that if I am to share in that blessing, there is something to be done right in my own heart. I have found some hindrances to the coming of that promised gift into my own life. I believe that when all together by the grace of God we begin to search for the reason why, something is going to happen. It is not because of any restrictions on the part of God that the riches of His grace do not flow outward to men. If all were willing, all would be filled with the Spirit.

"The apostles spent fifty days in preparation for the reception of that gift,--forty days in company with the Master in getting straightened out on their conceptions of their work, for they had many misconceptions. The second period was spent in a cleansing of the heart, in deep consecration, and in claiming what God had promised when they were ready for it. We ought to pray daily for such cleansing of the heart that we will make room for the infilling of the Holy Spirit. God has done His part in making that Spirit available. He is waiting for us to do our part, to get ready for its reception.

"The disciples were not bad men, but there were things in their hearts that had to be handled before they were ready for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. There were hidden sins, jealousies, ambition for position. So they were told to tarry. Then came the ten-day period of cleansing. Soon they were all of 'one accord in one place,' and then something happened. Henceforth they did wonderful things under the influence of that

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Spirit. So the Lord bids us to empty our hearts of selfishness, which is the root of alienation. I do not believe there is room for the fulness of the Spirit in any heart where there is alienation or resentments or bitterness toward anybody living. That is some of the emptying that has to be done.

"The Lord is graciously waiting to take from every heart everything that hinders the infilling of the Spirit of God. He is knocking at the door of every heart, but He will not compel us to open the door. He will occupy only the room that we give Him, no more. He longs to pour upon us His Holy Spirit in rich measure, but He bids us clear the way. When that is done the power of the Spirit will come upon us. We need Pentecostal energy. It will come, for the Lord has promised to send His Spirit as an all-conquering power. May God give us grace to make the necessary preparation."

The service closed with a season of prayer, Elders Kern, MacGuire, Dickson and Olson praying audibly, that God may indeed enable us to put out of our hearts all that would hinder the infilling of His Holy Spirit.

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Prayer was offered by W.E.Straw, of Madison College, as the seventh business session of the Council convened at 10 A.M., Friday, November 11.

#### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

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

We recommend, 1. As members of the Board of Regents for a term of three years, expiring in 1952: W.A.Howe, A.W.Johnson, V.W.Becker.

2. As members of the Medical Advisory Board, for a term of four years, expiring in 1953: E.E.Cossentine, W.E.Macpherson, E.L.Place.

#### EVANGELISM:

The following report from a Committee on Evangelism was adopted:

WHEREAS, The proclamation of "the everlasting gospel" in the setting of the three angels' messages of Rev. 14:6-12 "to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people" is the primary and most important task of the remnant church; and

WHEREAS, Through the Spirit of prophecy we have been given the following counsel:

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"The judgments of God are in the earth, and, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, we must give the message of warning that He has entrusted to us. We must give this message quickly, line upon line, precept upon precept. Men will soon be forced to great decisions, and it is our duty to see that they are given an opportunity to understand the truth, that they may take their stand intelligently on the right side. The Lord calls upon His people to labor--labor earnestly and wisely--while probation lingers."--Testimonies, Vol. 9, pp. 126,127; and

WHEREAS, We recognize that the flame of evangelism is not burning as brightly in the church as it should be, and that we are falling far short of that which God expects of us in this matter in these fleeting moments of the little time that remains for the accomplishment of our task; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that every worker in the cause of God and every church member sensing the inestimable value of a soul, be imbued with a passion to win men and women to God; therefore

We recommend, 1. That we call upon our ministers and workers throughout the field to give earnest and prayerful consideration to the matter of their personal religious experience, urging them through prayer and the study of the Scriptures and the writings of the Spirit of prophecy to enter into a fuller reception of the promised power of the Holy Spirit for more triumphant living and a more effective and fruitful ministry.

2. That inasmuch as we are told that when the truth of the imputation of the righteousness of Christ as a free gift is clearly presented and is fully received by the people, Satan's "power will be broken," (Gospel Workers, page 161) we earnestly counsel our ministers and workers to study this great subject anew with a view to realizing its effect upon their own lives, and to present it clearly to the people in order that they may experience deliverance from Satan's power.

3. That conference leaders throughout the field be called upon to do their utmost to lead every worker on the conference payroll into direct soul-winning service.

4. That in the respective conferences the workers be called together for the purpose of uniting in earnest prayer for a greater love for lost humanity and a burning passion to win souls to Christ.

5. a. That in these workers' meetings there be laid upon the hearts of the workers the thought of their responsibility to work for the salvation of others, and that their attention be drawn to the solemn fact that their own salvation may be placed in jeopardy should they neglect faithfully to discharge this responsibility; and

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b. That in these meetings evidence be given of the earnest desire on the part of many people of the world for spiritual help and guidance, and that in connection with them the workers be given opportunity, under the conference leadership, to visit the homes of people for the purpose of talking to and praying with men and women concerning their spiritual needs.

6. That during the coming winter and summer every field worker conduct, wherever possible, a series of public meetings for the proclamation of the message to the people, all departmental leaders to link up with one of these efforts.

7. That wherever possible the conduct of large city evangelistic campaigns be encouraged.

8. That all of our ministerial workers be urged regularly to engage in public evangelism, and that where halls and theaters are not available our churches be used for this purpose.

9. That all of our workers--office workers and teachers included--be urged to engage in personal soul-winning endeavor, and a great effort be made to revive the cottage-meeting method of evangelism which in the past proved so effective.

10. That local and union conference leaders engage in personal counsel with workers who over a period of time have been consistently unfruitful, pointing out that the winning of souls is proof of a man's call to the ministry, and raising the question with them as to whether they have really been called to this sacred and responsible work.

11. That in their use of the Bible, workers be counseled not merely to use it as a textbook, but as the Word of God through which the divine will and purpose are communicated to men.

#### INDEPENDENT PUBLICATIONS:

A committee that had been appointed on Independent Publications submitted their report, which was adopted as follows:

We recommend, That the policy on Independent Publications, pages 77 and 78 of the General Conference Working Policy, be amended to read as follows:

With the growing perils of these last days it is becoming increasingly important that the literature issued in connection with the activities of the denomination should receive the most careful editing by competent persons, and the approval of some regularly constituted denominational authority.

In order to accomplish this:

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1. We consider it pre-eminently essential to maintain the most thorough organization of our denominational activities, in order that a proper balance may be secured and maintained in all our departments of church work, and that our denominational teaching and standards may be safeguarded.
2. Every individual who prepares manuscript for publication in the form of tracts, pamphlets, or books for general distribution through our Book and Bible Houses or other denominational channels shall submit the manuscript to a regular denominational book committee for criticism, endorsement, and final decision as to publication.
3. The foregoing regulation shall not be interpreted as applying to unbound mimeographed sermons prepared by our evangelists for free distribution nor to Radio sermons offered free to listeners.
4. Our Book and Bible Houses and churches shall carry in stock and promote the circulation of only those books, pamphlets, tracts, periodicals, and magazines which are regularly printed under denominational direction or are furnished through our publishing houses.
5. Our publishing houses and branches should not purchase or carry in stock books dealing with any phase of the third angel's message which are published by individuals on their own responsibility, and which are produced and promoted independently by individuals or by non-Seventh-day Adventist publishers, except as hereinafter specified.
  - a. All orders received for such publications shall be referred to the publisher and promoter of the same.
  - b. It is inadvisable to promote the circulation of such literature or give it an apparent standing or approval through reading notices, advertisements, or by listing in catalogs.
  - c. Union and local conferences shall cooperate in a united effort to curtail the publication of independent literature by laborers in conference employ.
6. Books approved by reading course committees, and such other valuable books, not of a competitive character, as have been approved by a denominational book committee, shall be handled and promoted in the same manner as are denominational publications. It is understood that reading course books not published by the denomination are to be stocked and promoted only during the life of the course or courses of which they are a part or as long as the stock is carried by the publishing houses.

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7. College printing plants should confine their work to local and special job printing and they should not enter the field of our regular denominational publishing houses unless counseled to do so by the General Conference Publishing Department.

8. The reprinting, in tract or other form, of chapters or portions of chapters from our standard denominational works, should be definitely discouraged. Such a course is an infringement of copyright, which cannot be permitted.

9. We appeal to all our denominational employees, sustentation beneficiaries, and membership to stand loyally by our denominational publishing policies in the matter of publication and circulation of our regularly approved literature.

10. Editors of our union papers are asked to keep the columns of their pages free from advertisements intended to promote the circulation of non-authorized literature.

11. It shall be understood that these recommendations shall not restrict the publication of promotional or special literature on authorization of any union committee for free distribution among church members within its own territory.

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

MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIPS FOR 1950:

We recommend, That provision be made for 100 ministerial internships for 1950; the allotment to be as follows:

1. That 80 internships be assigned to the several union conferences as follows:

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

2. That eleven internships be assigned for colored workers and be distributed by the General Conference Internship Committee in counsel with the several union conferences and the Colored Department.

3. That nine internships be assigned to the Home Foreign Bureau for distribution by the General Conference Internship Committee in counsel with the Home Foreign Bureau.

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## BIBLE SOCIETY--APPROPRIATION:

We recommend, That an emergency appropriation of \$10,000 be granted the American Bible Society for 1950, the amount to be prorated among the local conferences in North America on the basis of 1948 tithe receipts.

## BASIC READING PROGRAM FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

WHEREAS, There is urgent need for a series of basic elementary readers in the English language which will meet the denominational standards and set proper interests and objectives before our children, and which will be free from the spirit of worldliness and pleasure-seeking found in books now available; and

WHEREAS, The textbook problem in general is assuming large proportions; therefore

We recommend, That the Executive Committee appoint a special committee of eleven members to study the entire problem of denominational textbook production, with particular attention to elementary readers; considering in detail the financial involvements, the trained personnel needed, and all related matters, so that while production of the textbooks already authorized is not interfered with, sound plans may be laid for the future development of this important phase of our work.

## SPECIAL DAYS AND OFFERINGS IN 1951:

We recommend, That the Executive Committee arrange the dates of Special Days and Offerings for 1951.

Adjourned at 12 o'clock noon, C.H. Bunker offering the closing prayer.

W.B. Ochs, Chairman.  
E.D. Dick,  
E.E. Roenfelt, Secretaries.  
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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Prof. E.E. Cossentine in the devotional service at nine o'clock Sunday morning spoke on the subject of Christian education. He took as a text Deuteronomy 6, beginning with the fourth



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verse: "Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words . . . shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children." There were at least two reasons for this admonition to the children of Israel; first, the necessity of continually holding before the children God's purpose for His people and for them, and second, that the children might, without question, be guided into the only safe path.

"Why do we Seventh-day Adventists conduct our own system of schools," said Professor Cossentine; "because we believe that education is and always must be incomplete without religion. If education is a preparation for life, it must prepare one not only for life here, but for the life hereafter. True education must aim at the harmonious development of the whole man in all his faculties, and train him to use those noble endowments for the highest purposes of life.

"We believe we have been entrusted with the safeguarding of the faith of Christ and the fostering of His religion in the hearts of our children and youth. This cannot be done in a few hours on the Sabbath, rather it must form an integral part of the youth's daily life. In the Seventh-day Adventist school room religion is taught not merely in the Bible class hours, but throughout the whole day, by the very presence of a teacher who has consecrated his life to this service, and by the atmosphere and the constant calling of attention to spiritual things."

Having all this in mind, Professor Cossentine stressed the importance of the utmost care in the selection of the teachers of our children and youth, for what our schools are today, he said, the church will be tomorrow. So the question of who shall teach our children is of vital importance, for the young people in our schools, being trained by our teachers, will be the leaders of this church tomorrow.

Professor Cossentine then called attention to some trends he saw creeping into our schools especially a trend toward liberalism in some cases, and he wanted to raise his voice against it, lest that same spirit take us over the same way that other denominations have gone. He felt that while it may be necessary for some of our teachers to be sent to the universities, care must be taken that they do not adopt and bring into our schools some of the teachings of the university. He charged every school head and board member to take upon his heart a determination to restudy the principles of Christian education. "Our schools are sound," he said; "let us keep them that way. With the many trends today in the wrong direction, and with the rapid growth that our schools have made in the past few years, we need to take

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stock of our chart and compass." "We have a rendezvous with God," he concluded. "Very soon Jesus will come. Let us follow the chart and compass so closely that we with all our young people will be ready to meet Him in that day."

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The eighth business session of the Council convened at 3:30 P.M., Sunday, November 13, with A.V.Olson in the chair. Following the opening song, prayer was offered by J.E.Edwards.

LIBERTY MAGAZINE:

H.H.Votaw, of the Religious Liberty Department, reported that the subscription list of the Liberty Magazine is down some 40,000 this year below the figures of last year, and he urged earnest effort to remedy this situation. He and others spoke seriously of the dangers threatening freedom and religious liberty in these United States as well as in other parts of the world, of the fact that we need to be alert to the situation, and that we ought to do all in our power to educate others as well concerning these things. The Liberty Magazine is one very effective means of doing this work, especially through its circulation among government officials and other men in public life. It was

VOTED, That we accept a subscription goal for the coming year, for the Liberty Magazine, of one subscription for each church member in the United States.

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Recommendations from the Committee on Religious Liberty Problems were presented, and adopted as follows:

GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO EDUCATIONAL  
INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES:

WHEREAS, The Seventh-day Adventist Church in the United States is in full accord with the principles of the separation of church and state as set forth in the Federal Constitution, and has through the years supported this principle,

We recommend, That in the United States the denominational policy for our schools of all grades shall be to refrain from accepting gifts of money, land, buildings or equipment from government, or grants from public tax money for the salaries of teachers, or the maintenance, operation or support of the services which the schools supply.

This shall not be construed to prejudice the acceptance of the regular functions of the public health department, such

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as public health nurses' services, vaccinations, inoculations, tuberculosis surveys, etc., nor shall it forbid the acquisition, for a consideration, of war surplus.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO MEDICAL  
INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES:

WHEREAS, Our medical institutions are an integral part of our denominational program,

We recommend, 1. That in the United States our medical institutions refrain from accepting any government aid for operating or maintaining these institutions.

2. That inasmuch as our medical institutions render a recognized service to the medical needs of the communities in which they are located, government grants for capital development may be accepted. However, it shall be understood that a grant shall be received only after careful study by the operating board, and approval by the Union and General Conference Committees.

Adjourned to 10 A.M., Monday, November 14, J.J.Nethery dismissing with prayer.

A.V.Olson, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick,  
H.T.Elliott, Secretaries.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 14, 1949, 10 A.M.

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"The Saviour has given us a very marvelous task, and for accomplishing it has placed in our hands certain facilities, the use of which will guarantee success in bringing God's work to a triumphant end," said Elder E.W.Dunbar, in the devotional service Monday morning, November 14. "For instance," he continued, "we find in the church today evangelists proclaiming the word far and near that Christ is coming soon. We have the radio, and we are told that between fifteen and twenty million people listen to the Voice of Prophecy in this hemisphere. Our Sabbath schools, our home missionary and educational workers, our colporteurs, our Missionary Volunteer Department, our medical work, both institutional and in the field, influence thousands, while the activities of our lay men and women contribute much toward the enlightenment of souls each year. Each and all of

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these agencies act with but one thought in mind and one major objective, and that is the ushering in of the kingdom of God."

In 1892 Sister White wrote, "We have an army of youth today who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged." "I wonder what Sister White would say today," said Elder Dunbar, "about our army of youth, with nearly 300,000 in the Missionary Volunteer organization, and possibly another 100,000 who are not counted in our organized youth movement. Through the years messages in increasing volume came, making it clear to the leaders in this work that in the finishing of God's work the young people are to have a very prominent place. 'In order for the work of God to go forward in all of its branches, God calls for youthful vigor, zeal and courage. He has chosen the youth to aid in the advancement of His cause, to plan with clear mind and execute with courageous hand. Young men and women are invited to give God the strength of their youth.'"

Elder Dunbar impressed upon conference and departmental leaders that they are the ones who should extend this invitation to the young people, and he urged them to take a more sympathetic interest in the youth, and in the boys and girls in the church. "My mind goes to half a dozen conferences," he said, "where the work of God is forward and onward all the time, and every one of those conferences is giving attention to its youth in special ways. We can go forward in confidence, in the light that has been given us, knowing that if the counsel is followed, the youth of this denomination, as the heritage of the Lord, will become a mighty factor in the work of the church."

Attention was then directed to the many Youth's Congresses held in North America and in the overseas divisions since the one held in San Francisco, to the inspiration that has come to the young people in many lands as the result of these congresses, and to the work that many of these young people are now doing as the result of that inspiration. "I am glad," said Elder Dunbar, "that we are told that the Lord's people will be willing in the day of His power, and that the interests of the fathers of the church, and the parents and the families will bring about a revival in our midst that will make our youth strong workers in the cause of God as it moves to its hour of triumph."

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"There shall be Showers of Blessing" was sung to open the ninth business session of the Council, at 10 A.M., Monday, November 14. Prayer was offered by G.E.Peters.

This being the hour to which certain legal meetings had adjourned, these meetings were called as follows:

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## INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY:

A meeting of the International Insurance Company of Takoma Park, Maryland, was called by J.L.McElhany, the president. On recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the following directors were elected: J.F.Cummins, C.H.Kelly, J.H.Nies, for the term expiring in 1952; and D.A.Cone to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W.P.Elliott. The reading of the minutes was waived, and the meeting was adjourned.

## OAKWOOD COLLEGE:

A meeting of the constituency of Oakwood College was called by W.H.Williams, chairman of the Board. The report of the Nominating Committee was submitted, and the following Board was duly elected: W.H.Williams, V.G.Anderson, C.O.Franz, F.L.Peterson, L.H.Bland, E.E.Cossentine, J.Mark Cox, M.D., T.M.Fountain, T.R.Flair, M.D., W.W.Fordham, H.S.Hanson, L.E.Lenheim, H.R.Murphy, D.A.Ochs, W.B.Ochs, G.E.Peters, M.L.Rice, F.L.Bland, H.E.Schneider, H.D.Singleton, O.A.Troy, J.V.Turner, J.H.Wagner, M.V.Campbell. The reading of the minutes was waived, and the meeting adjourned sine die.

## RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM:

A meeting of the constituency of the Riverside Sanitarium was called by W.H.Williams, chairman of the Board, and on nomination, the same persons elected as the Board of Oakwood College were elected the Board of Management of the Riverside Sanitarium. The reading of the minutes was waived, and the meeting adjourned sine die.

## CHRISTIAN RECORD BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION:

A meeting of the Christian Record Benevolent Association was called by M.V.Campbell, the president. On recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the following named persons were elected the Board of Management for the ensuing biennial term: M.V.Campbell, D.C.Duffield, H.T.Elliott, W.E.Nelson, W.B.Mohr, W.B.Ochs, R.W.Woods, L.E.Lenheim, M.L.Rice, J.D.Smith; one other member to be appointed by the Board. The reading of the minutes was waived, and the meeting adjourned sine die.

The Council resumed.

## CALENDAR REVISION:

Recommendations from a Committee on the Calendar question were submitted, and adopted as follows:

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WHEREAS, The World Calendar Association's plan of "blank-day" calendar revision was dropped by the Committee of Fifteen of the United Nations on September 21, 1949 from the Agenda of the 1949 meeting of the United Nations Assembly; and

WHEREAS, The World Calendar Association has already put into action well organized machinery for having their plan included in the United Nations Assembly Agenda for 1950, with a view to having their revised calendar adopted for use at the beginning of the year 1956, which begins on a Sunday, as well as to have it adopted where possible by national governments; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to seek to counteract in every country the work which the World Calendar Association is doing, particularly among United Nations officers and delegates, government officials, and businessmen;

We recommend, 1. That because of the urgency of the calendar issue each Division Committee choose a Division Religious Liberty Secretary who shall be sufficiently free from other duties as to enable him to give to the calendar issue the attention which its importance warrants.

2. That each Division Religious Liberty Secretary be invited to make a careful study of the calendar situation in each of the countries in his Divisional area, and to lay such plans under the guidance of the Division Committee as the situation might require in counteracting the endeavors of the calendar revisionists.

3. That efforts be made promptly and continuously in every nation to make contact with government officials to influence them against any calendar revision which would break the weekly cycle.

4. That special efforts be made to influence Moslem political and religious leaders to oppose blank-day calendar revision.

5. That as occasion arises and the need demands, a delegation be selected by the General Conference Committee, in consultation with the Division Committees, from the General Conference Religious Liberty Secretaries, and the Division Religious Liberty Secretaries or other representatives from the Divisions, to attend such meeting of the Assembly of the United Nations at which the calendar issue is proposed for discussion, for the purpose of working against blank-day calendar revision among the UN officials and the delegates at the meeting, and sufficient time beforehand to follow up the work already done among the United Nations delegates in their home countries.

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6. That work be undertaken immediately following the Autumn Council, in any country where it is feasible to do so, to present the dangers to religion and religious liberty inherent in blank-day calendar revision, to directors and officials of large business corporations and to other influential businessmen.

7. That calendar revision efforts within nations, such as the introduction of calendar revision bills in national legislatures, be vigorously counteracted by appropriate means.

8. That whenever it is deemed helpful, campaigns of publicity against blank-day calendar revision be carried on, through the press, the radio, and by literature distribution, to counteract similar efforts put forth by blank-day calendar revisionists, and, in countries where the method is effective, to present petitions against blank-day calendar revision to appropriate governmental authorities.

9. That Protestant church leaders and editors of church papers, and leaders in Jewry, in every country be invited to cooperate in defeating blank-day calendar revision.

10. That, as a policy, denominational activities against blank-day calendar revision be carried on under the name of the International Religious Liberty Association.

#### SIGNS OF THE TIMES:

A.S. Maxwell spoke of our missionary paper, the Signs of the Times, and its place in our world-wide work as a spiritual instrument for the dissemination of the truth for this time. The following recommendations were offered, and by vote adopted:

WHEREAS, We are living in the most solemn hour of history, when the final signs of Christ's second coming are in process of fulfillment, and when multitudes are filled with foreboding concerning the future; and

WHEREAS, Present world conditions confront us with a mighty challenge to advance in every phase of evangelistic endeavor; and

WHEREAS, A recent Autumn Council action designated the Signs of the Times as our only missionary publication for which an annual campaign should be conducted among our churches,

We recommend, 1. That we urge upon our people the desirability of greatly expanding the ministry of the Signs of the Times.

2. That we seek by God's help to increase the Signs circulation by not less than ten per cent during 1950.

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3. That we encourage our people to use the Signs as a means of following up interests created through the Mid-century Home Evangelistic Program.

Adjournment was taken to 7:30 P.M., with the closing prayer by A.S.Maxwell.

J.J.Nethery, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick,  
N.W.Dunn, Secretaries.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 14, 1949, 7:30 P.M.

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The tenth session of the Council, at 7:30 P.M., Monday, November 14, was opened with song, followed by prayer by J.L. McConaughy.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

The first item of business was a report from the Committee on Distribution of Labor, which was presented, and adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. That the Southern Publishing Association be requested to release R.E.Crawford to connect with the Canadian Watchman Press, to serve as manager of the Book and Periodical Departments.

2. That the Atlantic Union and the Greater New York Conference be requested to release Andrew Yakush to connect with the Columbia Union and the Ohio Conference to serve as a Czechoslovakian worker in the Cleveland church.

3. That Irene Grove, returned missionary from China, be invited to connect with the Pacific Union and the Southeastern California Conference to serve as a nurse in the Paradise Valley Sanitarium.

4. That the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital be requested to release Bruce Biggs to connect with the Southern Union to serve as X-ray technician at the Walker Memorial Hospital in Florida.



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5. That the Southwestern Union and the Texas Conference be requested to release K.D.Johnson to connect with the Southern Union to serve as Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.
6. That the Lake Union be requested to release I.H. Ihrig to connect with the Southern Publishing Association as manager of the Periodical Department.
7. That the Southwestern Union and the Texas Conference be requested to release Ira C.Pound to connect with the Pacific Press Publishing Association.
8. That the Pacific Union and the Southeastern California Conference be requested to release Ben Buck to connect with the North Pacific Union to serve as Publishing Department Secretary of the Upper Columbia Conference.
9. That C.W.Shafer, returned missionary from Africa, be invited to connect with the Pacific Union and the Northern California Conference to serve as principal of the Golden Gate Academy.
- 9-a. That the return of R.E.Kepkey from South America be changed from the furlough to the permanent return basis.
10. That R.E.Kepkey, returned missionary from South America, be invited to connect with the Central Union for pastoral-evangelistic work in the Colorado Conference.
11. That the Central Union and the Colorado Conference be requested to release Valeda Carter to connect with the North Pacific Union for stenographic work in the Upper Columbia Conference.
12. That Mrs. Hazel Sevrens, returned missionary from China, be invited to connect with the College of Medical Evangelists for service at the White Memorial Hospital.
13. That the China Division be requested to release John McCartney to respond to the call of the Far Eastern Division for treasury work.
14. That the China Division be requested to release Miss Gertrude Green to respond to the invitation of the Far Eastern Division to connect with the Youngberg Memorial Hospital for nursing service.
15. That the China Division be requested to release Miss Abbie Dunn to respond to the invitation from the Hong Kong Provisional Division to serve as a Bible instructor in Hong Kong.

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16. That the Southern Union and the Alabama-Mississippi Conference be requested to release M.J. Harvey to connect with the Southern Publishing Association as Book Department manager.

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

COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS--SPECIAL OFFERING:

We recommend, That a special offering for the College of Medical Evangelists be received in 1950 and again in 1951, and that the date of the 1950 offering be May 27.

LOMA LINDA FOOD COMPANY--SUSTENTATION PAYMENTS:

We recommend, That from January 1, 1950, the payments to the Sustentation Fund by the Loma Linda Food Company be reduced from 3 per cent of their payroll to 2 per cent, this reduced rate to be subject to adjustment should it prove inadequate to care for the beneficiaries from that institution.

MEDICAL STUDENTS UNDER DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

We recommend, That the question of financial assistance to medical students under deferred appointment to service in the home field be referred to the Executive Committee following the 1950 General Conference Session.

PHYSICIANS' SALARIES--TIME OF CONSIDERING:

We recommend, That the question of physicians' salaries be referred to the Executive Committee following the 1950 General Conference Session, rather than to the session itself.

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The following further report from the Plans Committee was adopted:

CHILD LABOR LAWS:

WHEREAS, We believe that work is a blessing and that its benefits should be shared by as many as possible of the students in our schools; and

WHEREAS, We also believe that all reasonable precautions as to sanitary, health and safety factors, and working conditions, should be taken to protect the interests of our students when working; and

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WHEREAS, We believe it to be our duty to comply with Federal and State laws which safeguard the interests of the worker;

We recommend, 1. That the administration officers of our educational institutions in the United States familiarize themselves with Federal and State legal requirements concerning wages and hours, child labor, age certification, working conditions, labor records, and regulations for health, sanitation and safety, for the purpose of bringing the institutions into full compliance with such requirements, except insofar as these may violate basic human rights.

2. That administrators of institutions having industries engaged in inter-state commerce familiarize themselves particularly with the pertinent provisions of the "Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938," the "Portal to Portal Act of 1947," "Labor-Management Relations Act of 1947," and "Fair Labor Standards Amendments of 1949."

3. That questions of application or interpretation of the above laws as pertaining to our institutions be taken up with the regional or field offices of the Department of Labor.

#### FAMILY WORSHIP:

WHEREAS, The church, while moving forward into the "time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation," can only be prepared for that day through personal, public and family prayer; and

WHEREAS, The Spirit of God has repeatedly pointed out that there is no other way to victory and readiness for Christ's coming except through prayer; and

WHEREAS, Family worship is the altar of prayer in the home and is of the utmost importance in saving families to the truth and in their preparation for heaven; and

WHEREAS, The building of the family altar in the home is an effective barrier against apostasy and lukewarmness among our members; therefore

We recommend, 1. That our ministers and workers everywhere through personal example in their own home, and through their ministry and by personal visitation encourage all our people to establish, maintain and cherish the family altar and thus make the homes of Seventh-day Adventists real centers of worship and Bible study for the saving of our people to the church and their preparation for the kingdom of God.

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2. That our evangelists in giving instructions to baptismal candidates stress the importance of family worship, and assist them in establishing the family altar in their homes as they come into the message.

#### MEETINGS ON RURAL LIVING:

WHEREAS, Through the Spirit of prophecy we have been given much counsel in respect to the advisability of our people in these days moving out of the large cities into rural areas;

We recommend, 1. That each union conference consider the advisability of arranging as it deems profitable, the holding of week-end meetings on rural living; and

2. That these meetings be arranged in cooperation with the Commission on Rural Living of the General Conference.

#### ELEMENTARY AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS AND JUNIOR ACADEMIES:

We recommend, That the suggested recommendations dealing with the establishing of elementary and intermediate schools and junior academies, in North America, be referred to the Department of Education for further study, and report to the General Conference Session.

#### CHURCH OFFICERS' GAZETTE:

WHEREAS, The Church Officers' Gazette contains material that every pastor and district leader should have in keeping in touch with all departments of the church and the proper conduct of his work;

We recommend, That the local conferences in North America give study to increasing the number of the Church Officers' Gazette entering their fields and that all conference workers be encouraged to subscribe to this important journal.

#### AMERICAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY:

WHEREAS, The Lord's messenger has admonished us that "among the friends of temperance, Seventh-day Adventists should stand in the front ranks," and that we should regard "the spread of temperance principles as one of our most important duties," and inasmuch as the magazine Listen has in many places where it has reached been hailed as the outstanding voice of Temperance; therefore

We recommend, 1. That the annual pledge-signing and membership drive of the American Temperance Society be vigorously

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promoted, and that every Seventh-day Adventist as well as their neighbors be encouraged to become active members of the American Temperance Society; and

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2. That/church be encouraged to send Listen on a missionary basis to all public leaders in civic and governmental positions and the outstanding professional and businessmen of their town or community; and that we utilize the opportunities provided by teachers' conventions, gatherings of other interested groups, and county and state fairs, to acquaint as many as possible, with the Listen magazine.

3. That we set as our objective for 1950 an active membership of 100,000 in the American Temperance Society, and an additional 100,000 Listen subscribers, making a total Listen subscription goal of 200,000.

Adjournment was taken to 11 A.M., Tuesday, with the closing prayer by E.E.Roenfelt.

J.J.Nethery, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick,  
N.W.Dunn, Secretaries.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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FOUR HUNDRED FORTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 15, 1949, 11 A.M.

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Elder G.E.Peters paraphrased Hebrews 10:35-38, as the basis of his study in the devotional service Tuesday morning: "Cast not away your trust in God's leadership. Your state of feeling sure in the triumph of His truth. You have need of endurance, that is, you must be capable of lasting, of holding out, that, after you have done the will of God, you might receive the promise."

"We are connected with the church militant," said Elder Peters, "which is the family of God on earth. Some day soon, if we are faithful, the church militant will give way to the church triumphant, which is God's family in heaven. We are a people on the march, as was the people of ancient Israel. There is no place to settle down until the Lord comes to lead us into the promised land. As we review the rise and progress of the Advent movement, we can truly say that 'we have nothing to fear for the future except we shall forget the way that God has led us and His teaching in our past history.'

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"This movement is a movement of prophecy. The fundamentals of this movement standeth sure. The time has come for all the honest children of God to see 'eye to eye'. This must happen before Jesus comes. The promise is, 'Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.' Isa. 52:8.

"In the seventeenth chapter of John it is recorded that Christ prayed five times that His people may be one. The Apostle Paul taught that we must be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment and that we should all speak the same thing. How truthful the words of the hymn writer:

" Like a mighty army moves the church of God,  
 Brothers we are treading, where the saints  
 have trod.  
 We are not divided, all one body we,  
 One in hope and doctrine; one in charity."

"Such a unity will shake the foundations of hell, and bring about the latter rain, and usher in the kingdom of Jesus Christ. There must be unity in doctrine, unity in spirit and in soul. Unity of God's church and of God's people! Let us hold fast our confidence in God's movement. Let us remain loyal to it. 'For yet a little while and He that shall come will come and will not tarry.'"

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"He Leadeth Me" was sung to open the eleventh business session of the Council, at 11 A.M., Tuesday, November 15, and prayer was offered by T. Carcich.

#### THE BUDGET:

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

## THE BUDGET FOR 1950

We Recommend, That the base and special appropriations for 1950 to the world fields be made from the following estimated income and available funds:

Regular General Conference income -- Basis 1948		10 291 546 74
Sustentation -- North American Division	495 000 00	
Exchange Fund	250 000 00	
Reconstruction Base	378 506 74	
General Conference Surplus Operating	336 181 65	
Institutional Relief Fund	<u>200 000 00</u>	1 659 688 39
Church Extension Fund		<u>201 280 00</u>
 Total Estimated Income and Available Funds for 1950		 12 152 515 13

We Recommend, 1. That the regular base appropriations for 1950 be as follows:

OVERSEAS

Australia		251 000 00
Central Europe		135 000 00
China		823 200 00
Far East:		
Regular	737 000 00	
Japan Special	<u>45 000 00</u>	782 000 00
Inter-America		715 000 00
Northern Europe		279 000 00
South America		776 000 00
Southern Africa		827 000 00
Southern Asia		805 000 00
Southern Europe		728 500 00

Unattached Union Territories

British		80 000 00
Middle East		303 500 00
West Africa		195 000 00

World Edition Review & Herald	70 000 00	
Reconstruction	<u>613 714 24</u>	7 383 914 24

INTERNATIONAL RADIO

Production Expense and Specials	26 000 00	
Australia	5 000 00	
China	35 000 00	
Far East	25 000 00	
Inter-America	73 500 00	
Northern Europe	25 000 00	
South America	89 000 00	
Southern Africa	25 000 00	
Southern Asia	30 000 00	
Southern Europe	42 000 00	

<u>Unattached Union Territories</u>		
British	18 000 00	
Middle East	10 000 00	
West Africa	<u>9 000 00</u>	<u>412 500 00</u>

Total Overseas Base Appropriations		7 796 414 24
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NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

Canada		51 642 50	
Southern:			
Colored	35 000 00		
Rural Sch ools	<u>3 000 00</u>	38 000 00	
Oakwood		25 000 00	
Riverside		14 000 00	
Southwestern:			
White	5 000 00		
Colored	14 000 00		
Spanish-American			
Seminary	<u>10 140 00</u>	29 140 00	
Home-Foreign Dept.		102 700 00	
S.D.A.Theo.Seminary		63 000 00	
College Med.Evan.			
Regular	100 000 00		
School Trop.Med.	<u>20 000 00</u>	120 000 00	
Review & Herald			
Quarterly Issue		<u>7 000 00</u>	450 482 50

GENERAL

Administration		915 000 00	
Miscellaneous & Fixed		<u>1 129 650 00</u>	<u>2 044 650 00</u>

Total Base Appropriation for North America and General		2 495 132 50
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Total Base Appropriations for 1950		10 291 546 74
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2. That Special Appropriations be as follows:

OVERSEAS

Australia		27 000 00	
China		15 000 00	
Far East:			
Regular	63 500 00		
* Japan	285 000 00		
* Okinawa	<u>15 000 00</u>	363 500 00	
Northern Europe		68 500 00	
Inter-America		83 500 00	
South America		83 500 00	
Southern Africa		83 500 00	
Southern Asia		83 500 00	
Southern Europe		83 500 00	



Unattached Union Territories

British		31 000 00	
Middle East:			
Regular	31 438 39		
Operating, Union			
and Local	<u>70 000 00</u>	101 438 39	
West Africa		<u>35 750 00</u>	

Total Special Appropriations Overseas			1 059 688 39
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GENERAL AND NORTH AMERICA

College Medical Evangelists		90 000 00	
Funds for Small Conferences		25 000 00	
Voice of Prophecy, North America		50 000 00	
Oakwood College		20 000 00	
Atlantic Union:			
Gr. New York Evan. funds		<u>20 000 00</u>	205 000 00

NORTH AMERICAN SANITARIUMS:

Boulder		20 000 00	
Florida		20 000 00	20,000
Glendale		20 000 00	
Hinsdale		20 000 00	
New England		20 000 00	
Paradise Valley		20 000 00	
Portland		20 000 00	
Riverside		20 000 00	
Saint Helena		20 000 00	
Washington		<u>20 000 00</u>	

Total Appropriations			
North American Sanitariums			200 000 00

\* NORTH AMERICAN SENIOR AND JUNIOR COLLEGES

Atlantic Union College	15 000 00	
Canadian Union College	15 000 00	
Emmanuel Missionary College	15 000 00	
Oakwood College	15 000 00	
Oshawa Junior College	15 000 00	
La Sierra College	15 000 00	
Pacific Union College	15 000 00	
Southern Missionary College	15 000 00	
Southwestern Junior College	15 000 00	
Union College	15 000 00	
Walla Walla College	15 000 00	
Washington Missionary College	15 000 00	
Spanish-American Seminary	<u>15 000 00</u>	

Total Appropriations for			
North American Colleges			<u>195 000 00</u>

Total Special Appropriations, Foreign,			
North American, and General			1 659 688 39

3. That the following appropriations for 1950 be made from the Church Extension Fund to Overseas and North American Divisions:

OVERSEAS:

Australia	7 500 00	
Kowloon, H.K.	15 000 00	
Far East	7 500 00	
Inter-America	14 000 00	
Northern Europe	12 000 00	
South America	12 000 00	
Southern Africa	12 000 00	
Southern Asia	10 000 00	
Southern Europe	12 000 00	
<u>Unattached Union Territories</u>		
British	7 000 00	
Middle East	4 000 00	
West Africa	7 000 00	120 000 00

NORTH AMERICA:

<u>Atlantic Union</u>		
Fitchburg, Mass.	2 000 00	
Stoneham, Mass.	2 000 00	
Rochester, N.Y.	3 000 00	
Salamanca, N.Y.	1 000 00	8 000 00
<u>Canadian Union</u>		
Moncton, N.B.	3 640 00	
Oliver, B.C.	910 00	
North Battleford, Sask.	1 820 00	
St. Catherines, Ont.	910 00	7 280 00
<u>Central Union</u>		
Boulder, Colo.	650 00	
Las Animas, Colo.	325 00	
La Junta, Colo.	325 00	
Eureka, Kans.	500 00	
Abilene, Kans.	800 00	
Sabula, Mo.	125 00	
Fredericktown, Mo.	225 00	
Bourbon, Mo.	450 00	
Salem, Mo.	275 00	
Fairdealing, Mo.	225 00	
St. Joseph, Mo. (Colored)	300 00	
Lincoln, Nebr. (Colored)	1 000 00	
College View, Nebr.	850 00	
Nelson, Nebr.	325 00	
Genoa, Nebr.	325 00	
Pine Bluffs, Wyo.	1 300 00	8 000 00

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Columbia Union

Westminster, Md.	750 00	
Spencerville, Md.	1 400 00	
Silver Spring, Md. <i>M. J.</i>	1 400 00	
Laurel, Md.	400 00	
Dayton, Ohio	1 600 00	
Easton, Pa.	1 600 00	
Port Allegheny, Pa.	850 00	8 000 00

Lake Union

La Porte, Ind.	1 000 00	
Mt. Vernon, Ill.	1 000 00	
Marion, Ill.	1 000 00	
Jackson, Mich.	3 000 00	
Battle Creek, Mich. (Colored)	1 000 00	
Waukesha, Wis.	1 000 00	8 000 00

Northern Union

Estherville, Iowa	1 000 00	
Duluth, Minn.	2 750 00	
Robinson, N.D.	1 250 00	
Max, N.D.	750 00	
Bottineau, N.D.	500 00	
Hurdafield, N.D.	250 00	
Huron, S.D.	1 500 00	8 000 00

North Pacific Union

State Line, Wash.	3 000 00	
Boise, Ida.	5 000 00	8 000 00

Pacific Union

Safford, Ariz.	750 00	
Patagonia, Ariz.	500 00	
San Bernardino, Calif. (Colored)	1 500 00	
Sonora, Calif.	750 00	
Monterey, Calif.	500 00	
Honokaa, Hawaii	2 000 00	
Fallon, Nev.	2 000 00	8 000 00

Southern Union

Albany, Ga.	4 000 00	
Winston-Salem, N.C. (Colored)	4 000 00	8 000 00

Southwestern Union

Hammond, La.	1 000 00	
New Orleans, La. (Colored)	2 500 00	
Clayton, N.M.	750 00	
Muskogee, Okla.	1 000 00	
San Antonio, Tex.	3 750 00	
Houston, Tex., Floral Ave.	1 000 00	10 000 00

Total for North America 81 280 00  
Total for Overseas Fields 120 000 00

Total appropriations from Church  
Extension Fund 201 280 00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

Base, all Divisions		10 291 546 74
Specials:		
Overseas Divisions	1 084 688 39	
General and North America	<u>575 000 00</u>	1 659 688 39
Church Extension Fund:		
Overseas Divisions	120 000 00	
North America	<u>81 280 00</u>	201 280 00
Estimated Revertible Funds:		
Overseas, Basis 1948	1 722 036 76	
North America, Basis 1948	<u>2 061 403 84</u>	<u>3 783 440 60</u>
Total Appropriations for 1950 including Reversions Basis 1948		15 935 955 73

\* \$300,000 contributed as a special gift by the conferences and institutions in North America from surpluses in Sustentation Fund for expansion of evangelism in Japan and Okinawa.

\* \$195,000 contributed by the conferences and institutions of the North American Division from sustentation surpluses for special appropriation to colleges and junior colleges in the North American Division. Total contributed \$495,000.00.

The following further recommendations from the Budget Committee were adopted:

Appropriations in Local Currency:

WHEREAS, All base appropriations, though expressed in U.S. currency, are passed on to the respective fields at the fixed rates of exchange in harmony with our regular policy; therefore

We recommend, That regular Class 1-A appropriations be made payable in the local currency of the country to which the grant is made.

Safeguarding 1950 Mission Operations:

WHEREAS, The world-wide economic and fiscal uncertainty now prevailing makes it impossible for any field accurately to evaluate its appropriations in terms of effective financial administration; therefore

We recommend, 1. That in adopting the 1950 operating budget, each overseas organization, division, union, local, and institutional, provide an emergency fund equivalent to at least five per cent of the total annual operating expenditures, it being

pointed out that savings from the emergency fund would help remedy any deficiency in operating capital.

2. That one-third to one-half of the increase of the base appropriations over 1949 to the foreign divisions expressed in local currency be for specials and not for recurring expenses.

Completion of Unfinished Projects:

WHEREAS, In making provision for special appropriations for the year 1950 it has been necessary to draw on funds not ordinarily available for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, These and similar sources of special appropriations are likely to disappear at any time; therefore

We urgently recommend, That instead of initiating new projects to be financed from General Conference special appropriations, the ones still unfinished be brought to completion as soon as possible, since there can be no assurance that substantial appropriations of this kind will be forthcoming in the future.

Funds to be Held in Trust by General Conference:

WHEREAS, There is great uncertainty in the currencies and financial policies of many countries of the world; therefore

We recommend, 1. That special appropriations to overseas organizations be held in trust by the General Conference until the funds can be actually put to use for the project concerned.

2. That the General Conference likewise offer to hold in trust such surpluses and reserves as our overseas organizations may desire to safeguard.

Radio and Bible School:

We recommend, That the appropriations for radio granted the respective divisions for 1950 be used only for broadcasting and correspondence school purposes under the direction of the division committee.

Exchange Policy for Workers When Traveling:

WHEREAS, The General Conference financial policy requires all organizations to build their budgets in local currency; and

WHEREAS, Many workers who travel have both personal and reportable expense in other currencies than that in which they receive salary and expense settlement; therefore

We recommend, That all workers traveling in fields outside of the countries in which they reside be charged or credited at the current rates of exchange for cash drawn or deposited, whether secured from their home offices or from other offices, and that travel expenses be reported in detail in the local currency used where the expense is incurred, the total expense in each currency being converted into the worker's home office currency at the same rates of exchange at which the money was drawn or purchased. This plan results in neither gain nor loss in exchange to the worker or organization concerned.

Adjourned to 3 P.M., with the closing prayer by Meade MacGuire.

J.L. McElhany, Chairman.

E.D. Dick, Secretary

E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 15, 1949, 3:00 P.M.

The twelfth session of the Council, at 3 P.M. Tuesday, November 15, was opened with song, followed with prayer by A.V. Olson.

COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS: *(see p. 1760 for revised action)*

Recommendations relative to the College of Medical Evangelists Building Extension program were presented, and adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, Action was taken by the 1945 Autumn Council approving the Medical College Building Extension program, and outlining the allocation of amounts to be raised by the different organizations; and

WHEREAS, The General Conference Committee on May 22, 1947, approved the moving of the Los Angeles Division of the College of Medical Evangelists to the Ramona Boulevard site near Alhambra; and

WHEREAS, The following statement is the revised estimate of the cost of the establishment of the College on the new site:

Total estimated cost of new building to be provided on new site at Ramona Boulevard.....	\$5 606 113 00
Less anticipated receipts for sale of present plant.....	1 000 000 00
Balance required.....	4 606 113 00
Less amount provided for by 1945 action	3 000 000 00
Additional required.....	1 606 113 00

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Therefore, we recommend, 1. That the funds required in addition to those provided by the action of 1945 be divided equally between the College of Medical Evangelists and the General Conference and other organizations participating in the plan as follows:

Medical College.....	\$803,056.50
General Conference and other organizations.....	803,056.50

2. That in order to provide these additional funds the original program of contributions from the General Union and Local Conferences, and institutions, be continued for an additional four years, or to and including 1954.

3. That these additional funds be released for expenditure on the basis of dollar for dollar as between the General Conference for the field, and the Medical College.

#### DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE:

The Chairman stated that a committee had been appointed on the question of Divorce and Remarriage, but that this committee was not yet ready to report. It was

VOTED, That the Committee on Divorce and Remarriage be continued, report to be made to the General Conference Session.

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

#### DEPARTMENTAL COUNCILS AND CONVENTIONS IN 1950:

We recommend, That the following Councils and Conventions be authorized to meet during the year 1950:

1. Pre-Session Councils:
  - a. General Educational Meeting.
  - b. Ministerial Association.
  - c. Press Relations.
  - d. Home Missionary Department.
  - e. Sabbath School Department.
  - f. Missionary Volunteer Department.
  - g. Temperance Society.
  - h. Publishing Department.

Attendance at these pre-Session Councils shall be limited to duly elected session delegates, and to such others who may be authorized by their respective employing organizations to attend the session. It shall be understood that this action constitutes authorization for the holding of these meetings, and that no invitation shall be sent to any person by any of the departments

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until it is known who are the duly appointed session delegates, and others who may be attending the General Conference by arrangements with their employing organizations.

## 2. Educational:

a. College Teaching Section Meetings (four-year cycle authorized by General Conference Committee, April 10, 1949): Bible, including Bible teachers in nurses' training schools, History, Music; time and place to be arranged by the Department of Education in cooperation with college presidents.

b. Academy Principals (three-year cycle authorized, Autumn Council 1947); time and place to be arranged.

c. Meeting of heads of college and academy industrial departments engaged in interstate commerce and managers of colleges and academies concerned; time and place to be arranged by the Department of Education in cooperation with the college presidents and academy principals.

## 3. Medical:

Union and local medical secretaries, representatives from Health Service in colleges, two representatives from the College of Medical Evangelists; time and place to be arranged.

## 4. Industrial Relations:

Regional (union), and local representatives; where major labor problems are centered; time and place to be arranged.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARIES OF SCHOOLS AND SANITARIUM:S

VOTED, That the Financial Summaries of Schools and Sanitariums which had been prepared for presentation to the Council, be sent by mail to all administrators.

## SCHOOL OF ALCOHOL STUDIES:

Recommendations relative to a School of Alcohol Studies were submitted, and after some discussion, it was

VOTED, That the whole question of a School of Alcohol Studies be referred to the Committee in Washington, with power to act.

The following further report from the Finance Committee was adopted:



EXCHANGE RATES - 1950

We recommend, That the fixed rates of exchange for the interchange of business between our organizations during the year 1950 be as listed below:

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>MONETARY UNIT</u>	<u>RATE 1950</u>
<u>Australasia</u>		
Australia	Australian £	\$2.28
New Zealand	New Zealand £	\$2.85
New Caledonia and Society Islands	Colonial franc	.006
Fiji	Fijian £	\$2.55
<u>Bermuda</u>	English £	\$2.85
<u>British Union</u>	English £	\$2.85
<u>Canadian Union</u>	Dollar	.91
<u>Central Europe</u>		
Germany	Deutschemark	.25
<u>China</u>		
China	Yuan	-
Hongkong	Hongkong \$	.18
<u>Far Eastern</u>		
British N. Borneo	BNB \$	.33 1/3
Sarawak	Sarawak \$	.33 1/3
French Indo-China	Piaster	.06
Japan	Yen	
Korea	Won	
Netherlands Indies	Guilder	.27
Philippine Islands	Peso	.50
Siam	Tical	.0525
Malaya	Singapore \$	.33 1/3
<u>Middle East Union</u>		
Egypt	Egyptian £	\$2.95
Iran	Rial	.02
Iraq	Dinar	\$2.85
Palestine	Palestine £	\$2.85
Syria-Lebanon	Lebanese £	.34
Turkey	Turkish £	.34
Cyprus	Shilling	.1425
<u>Inter-American</u>		
Bahamas	Pound	\$2.85
Barbados	Dollar	.61
British Guiana	Dollar	.61
Colombia	Peso	.40
Costa Rica	Colon	.14
Curacao	Florin	.55
Cuba	Peso	1.00
French West Indies	Metropolitan franc	.003
Guatemala	Quetzal	\$1.00

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>MONETARY UNIT</u>	<u>RATE 1950</u>
<u>Inter-American, continued</u>		
Haiti	Gourde	₡ .20
Jamaica	Pound	£ 2.85
Mexico	Peso	.12
Nicaragua	Cordoba	.155
Panama	Balboa	1.00
Porto Rico	Dollar	1.00
Santo Domingo	Peso	1.00
Salvador	Colon	.40
Spanish Honduras	Lempira	.50
Trinidad	Dollar	.61
Venezuela	Bolivar	.30
<u>Northern European</u>		
Denmark	Kroner	.15
Finland	Markka	.005
Holland	Florin	.27
Iceland	Kroner	.11
Norway	Kroner	.15
Poland	Zloty	.0025
Sweden	Kroner	.20
Ethiopia	Dollar	.41
Eritrea	Shilling	.1425
<u>South American</u>		
Argentina	Peso	.12
Bolivia	Boliviano	.012
Brazil	Cruzeiro	.054
Chile	Peso	.012
Ecuador	Sucre	.065
Paraguay	Guarani	.12
Peru	Sol	.055
Uruguay	Peso	.375
<u>Southern Africa</u>		
Angola and Mozambique	Angolar	.04
Belgian Congo	Belgian franc	.0225
Kenya	East African Shilling	.1425
N. and S. Rhodesia	Rhodesian pound	2.85
Nyasaland	Pound	2.85
South African Union	Pound	2.85
Tanganyika	East African Shilling	.1425
Uganda	East African Shilling	.1425
<u>Southern Asia</u>		
India	Rupee	.215
Pakistan	Rupee	.31
Burma	Rupee	.215
Ceylon	Rupee	.215
<u>Southern Europe</u>		
Belgium	Belgian franc	.0225
Bulgaria	Leva	.0035
France	French franc	.003
Greece	Drachma	.00007
Hungary	Florint	.086

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>MONETARY UNIT</u>	<u>RATE 1950</u>
<u>Southern Europe, continued</u>		
Italy	Lira	\$ .00165
Madagascar	Colonial franc	.006
Portugal	Escudo	.036
Reunion	Colonial franc	.006
Rumania	Leu	.007
Spain	Peseta	.04
Switzerland	Swiss franc	.235
Yugoslavia	Dinar	.02
Mauritius	Rupee	.215
Czechoslovakia	Koruna	.02
Austria	Shilling	.10
French Cameroons	Colonial franc	.006
French Equatorial Africa	Colonial franc	.006
<u>West African Union</u>		
Gold Coast	West African £	\$2.85
Liberia	Dollar	1.00
Nigeria	West African £	2.85
Sierra Leone	West African £	2.85
Ivory Coast	Colonial franc	.006

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## SECOND SABBATH MISSION OFFERING:

WHEREAS, The Second Sabbath Mission Offering plan, when zealously fostered, keeps regularly before our entire constituency, including those who are not regular members of the Sabbath school, the needs of the fields beyond and brings added spiritual and financial strength to the cause of God; therefore

We recommend, That all pastors and church leaders be faithfully admonished to conform to and heartily promote the Second Sabbath Mission Offering plan, bringing this definitely to the attention of our people on each occasion; with the added suggestion that announcement be made that the loose offering as well as the amounts in marked envelopes be applied to the Seventy-Cent-a-Week Fund.

## CALLS TO INSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL WORKERS:

A recommendation from the College Presidents was adopted as follows [the underlined portions being new matter or revised]:

We recommend, That the policy on the calling of teachers on page 46 of the Working Policy be amended to read as follows:

"In the North American Division an organization placing a call with the General Conference for a teacher or any salaried worker in one of our schools, including teachers in sanitarium schools of nursing and nursing school staffs in collegiate schools of nursing, after July 1 of each year shall first obtain the consent of the organization employing such worker."

## HOMES FOR THE AGED:

A committee that had been studying the question of Homes for the Aged submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, There are many of our aged members in need of suitable homes, some of whom have had to find quarters in very uncongenial surroundings, we urge our families, churches, and conferences to give thoughtful attention to the following instruction from the inspired pen:

"The light which the Lord has given me has been repeated; it is not best to establish institutions for the care of the aged, that they may be in company together. Nor should they be sent away from home to receive care. Let the members of every family minister to their own relatives. When this is not possible, the work belongs to the church, and it should be accepted both as a duty and as a privilege. . . .If one church is over-taxed in this line, other churches should come to its assistance!"  
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"So far as possible let those whose whitening heads and failing steps show that they are drawing near to the grave remain among friends and familiar associations. Let them worship among those they have known and loved. Let them be cared for by loving hands.

"In the home of brethren and sisters in Christ can most nearly be made up to them the loss of their own home."--Ministry of Healing, p. 204.

In harmony with the above instruction,

We recommend, That where our aged members do not have relatives who can care for them, the following plans be adopted to provide homes for them:

1. That efforts be made to locate them in the private homes of members, where they can enjoy the blessings of family association.

2. That where there are small privately-owned rest homes being operated by Seventh-day Adventists, our aged members be directed to such institutions, thus providing care for them in a simple, inexpensive way in the kind of environment to which they are accustomed. Experience has demonstrated in a number of cases that such institutions if carefully managed, can be operated on a self-supporting basis with income provided to the guests through state pensions.

3. That we do not encourage the building up of the large centralized type of institution, and that we do not approve of unauthorized persons soliciting funds among the members, or borrowing, or the selling of shares in order to construct buildings or to buy property and equipment, or to pay operating expenses. It should be pointed out that in many state and county systems the institutions for the poor are being closed and the care of the poor is being provided by individual state pensions, which seems to be a more satisfactory plan both to the state and to the individual.

4. Inasmuch as most states have assumed the obligation of caring for those of advanced age through a pension plan to which our Adventist members pay their quota, it is suggested that where eligibility can be established advantage be taken of state or other old-age benefits and pensions. At the same time care should be exercised to avoid the loss of the state pension by moving out of the home state.

5. That the conferences assist in looking after the aged by collecting information concerning them and directing them to those who can provide home facilities; further, that the

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conferences survey and keep in touch with existing Adventist rest homes and provide up-to-date information concerning the availability and services of those that are worthy of recommendation.

6. That in cases where the above plans are not sufficient to afford relief, the conferences be encouraged to give careful study to the needs and endeavor to solve the problem in the best possible way.

#### HELP FOR SUSTENTATION BENEFICIARIES:

The Committee on Homes for the Aged, submitted also the following recommendation:

We recommend, That the General Conference Executive Committee appoint a committee to make a careful survey of the actual needs, circumstances and conditions of sustentation beneficiaries on the list, and that a plan be developed for giving needy beneficiaries assistance where necessary.

VOTED, That the regular standing Sustentation Committee be asked to make the survey called for in this recommendation, compiling the information to be presented at some future time.

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A final report from the Finance Committee was submitted and adopted as follows:

#### ASSISTANCE TO INCAPACITATED WORKERS WITH SHORT SERVICE:

We recommend, 1. That beginning with 1949, 2% of the receipts to the Sustentation Fund be set aside by the General Conference in a separate fund to be known as the Disability Fund, the purpose of this fund being to give necessary assistance to denominational workers who have become incapacitated for active service by sickness or bodily injury, but who because of insufficient service are not eligible to assistance from the Sustentation Fund, assistance from this special fund to be temporary in character and proportional to the length of time the worker has been connected with the organized work.

2. That except in the case of colporteurs who are not salaried workers assistance from this special fund be granted only after the employing organization has granted the worker full salary for six months dating from the time when he became incapacitated and ceased work, and that organizations recommending help from this fund supply with the application a report from a physician showing that the applicant after receiving support from this employing organization for six months is still incapacitated for self-support.

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3. That assistance be given on the basis of a sum not to exceed the equivalent of one month's salary for each full year of service, the amount in each case to be determined by the employing organization and the Sustentation Committee.

4. That the sum that may be granted to colporteurs who have become incapacitated by sickness or bodily injury be based on their average monthly earnings for a two-year period just preceding their application for assistance and the maximum that may be granted not exceed \$200 for each full year of service as defined by the Sustentation Policy.

5. That the sum granted in each case be placed in the hands of the employing organization and be disbursed by it to the worker in installments or in a lump sum as circumstances and conditions may seem to indicate.

6. That the provisions of this plan be applicable to denominational workers who are currently employed or who will be employed in the future, and not to those who have already ceased to be employed by the denomination.

#### NEW CATEGORIES TO THE WAGE SCALE:

We recommend, That in the next revision of the Wage Scale the following categories of educational workers in senior colleges be included:

Academic Dean	\$44.50	to	\$57.50
Registrar	44.50	to	56.50
Registrar (women)	30.00	to	46.75

#### COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE WAGE SCALE:

We recommend, That the Executive Committee appoint a special committee to make a comprehensive study of the entire Wage Scale.

#### CHRISTIAN RECORD FIELD REPRESENTATIVES:

We recommend, That paragraph 55 of the Sustentation Policy appearing on page 179 of the Working Policy be amended to read as follows:

"In the application of the fifteen-year minimum service provision for sustentation assistance, field representatives of the Christian Record Benevolent Association may be considered eligible to receive sustentation benefits provided their record shows a minimum of 1,200 hours per year and minimum total collections of \$3,000 per year.

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## INTERNATIONAL TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION:

On recommendation of W.A.Scharffenberg, the Council acting in the capacity of the Board of Governors of the International Temperance Association,

VOTED, That the Temperance Society of Southern Asia, and the Temperance Society of South Africa be accepted as members of the International Temperance Association.

MESSAGE TO BRETHREN AND SISTERS  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FROM THE AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That the following message be sent as from this Autumn Council to the Brethren and Sisters throughout the world:

Most earnest and solemn appeals have come to us at this Council to seek the Lord for that mighty revival without which this work can never be finished. We realize that our only hope is in God. As leaders in this work we have sought God very earnestly by prayer and supplication, first, for ourselves and our great army of workers scattered over the world, that we may have personal victory in our lives and spiritual power in our work. We also pray for our dear people everywhere, that all may be awakened to the need of a deeper experience, a closer walk with God, and for spiritual power to give the message to their neighbors and friends. Our hearts cry out: "Spare Thy people, O God, and give not Thine heritage to reproach."

We are told that those who remain careless and indifferent will be shaken out, and that only those who prize eternal life enough to "plead and agonize" with God for victory will obtain it. We are warned also that "by resting content with small blessings, we disqualify ourselves for receiving the Holy Spirit in its unlimited fullness." (E.G. White, in Review and Herald, June 10, 1902.)

The dragon is wroth with the remnant church. Through worldly enticements he seeks to dull our sensibilities, so that we cannot hear the voice of God speaking to our hearts. By insidious intrigue, boring from within, he endeavors to weaken our faith in God's revealed truth. And through unfriendly earthly power, he endeavors to harass and destroy the church of God. The devil has come down with great power knowing that his time is short.

The final conflict between Christ and Satan is on. We earnestly appeal to our people everywhere to unite with us in importunate prayers that God will hold in check these mighty forces of evil that the work of God may be quickly finished, and until the servants of God are sealed for the kingdom.



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## COLPORTEUR-MINISTERIAL PLAN:

A committee that had been giving study to a Colporteur-Ministerial Plan submitted its report, which was adopted as follows:

We recommend, That conferences in North America invite college graduates having a major in religion and not as yet assigned as ministerial interns to serve as colporteur-ministerial interns on the following basis:

1. That the colporteur-ministerial intern, when approved by the conference committee in counsel with the local publishing committee, be assigned a field where he will be expected to devote Sabbath and Sunday to evangelistic or pastoral work. That he be issued a ministerial license.
2. That the colporteur-ministerial intern's remuneration from the conference for this service be at the rate of forty cents per hour for each hour devoted to canvassing with a ceiling of \$50 per month; and that profits gained from literature sales shall accrue to him personally and in no wise enter into the forty cents per hour compensation. The minimum number of hours expected of the colporteur-ministerial intern in canvassing work will be twenty-five hours per week.
3. That in addition to the forty cents per hour, wherever it is deemed necessary on the part of the conference committee and so approved, the colporteur-ministerial intern be given by the conference a subsidy for rent, transportation, and auto insurance. Any other courtesies to be granted according to the terms of the Colporteur Courtesy Fund.
4. That in order to qualify for credit on sustentation time the hours of the colporteur-ministerial intern be computed on the same basis as that of the regular colporteur.
5. That the work done by the colporteur-ministerial intern be under the direction of the conference committee the same as with other ministers and evangelists.
6. That the tenure of a worker under the colporteur-ministerial plan be left to the discretion of the conference committee.

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

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## PRODUCTION OF CURRENT EVENTS FILMS:

WHEREAS, The Pacific Union Conference has obtained access to world-wide motion picture news material and feels that from this material a special current events film of approximately one hour length can be developed once a month that will conform to our denominational standards; and

WHEREAS, There is a general interest in having such current events films made available to our institutions and conferences,

We recommend, 1. That the Pacific Union Conference be free to develop this project, and that they be left free to deal directly with each union and local conference organization and major institution in respect to the supply of any films of this nature that might be developed.

2. That it shall be definitely understood that films developed under this plan shall not be shown in our dedicated church auditoriums, but in other suitable halls.

## APPRECIATION:

We recommend, That the Secretary be asked to convey our whole-hearted appreciation,--

1. To the newspapers and wire services for their courtesy and cooperation in reporting the news of this Council.

2. To Elder Robert Whitsett, pastor of the Central Church, and his associates, and to the Convention Bureau of the city of St. Louis, for the splendid service rendered in securing accommodations for the delegates.

3. To the Central Union and the Missouri Conference and the membership of the Central Church for so graciously making available the ample facilities of this church for the holding of this Council.

4. To the ladies of the Central Church for the splendid and efficient cafeteria service that they have provided for the accommodation of the Council delegates.

5. To the stenographic staff for their faithful and efficient service in connection with the work of the Council.

The Council adjourned sine die, L.K.Dickson pronouncing the benediction.

J.L.McElhany,  
W.B.Ochs, Chairmen.

E.D.Dick,  
W.P.Bradley, Secretaries.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.