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MINUTES OF MEETINGS

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 2-10 and Spring Meeting, April 11-15, 1951

SEVENTY-EIGHTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 2, 1951

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W B Ochs, A V Olson, W H Branson, E D Dick, H T Elliott, N W Dunn, E E Roenfelt, A W Cormack, C L Torrey, R H Adair, H H Votaw, C B Haynes, Carl Sundin, Dr T R Flaiz, E J Johanson, W J Harris, L L Moffitt, F Brennwald, A L White, W E Nelson, E B Hare, Miss Louise Kleuser, Miss Lois Burnett, W A Scharffenberg, R A Anderson, J A Buckwalter, F D Nichol, W E Phillips, B E Wagner, H A Morrison, G A Huse, M E Kern.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Roger Altman, W H Bergherm.

Prayer by E.J.Johanson. Minutes of the meeting of March 29 were approved.

IVA J. HOPSON--CENTRAL CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the College of Medical Evangelists the call from the Pacific Union for Miss Iva J.Hopson, of the White Memorial Hospital, to connect with the Central California Conference as Bible instructor.

R.J.KEGLEY---HEARING:

R.J.Kegley, an ordained minister who was dismissed from the work in the Minnesota Conference, is not satisfied with the result of the hearing he had before the Union Conference Committee, and he has appealed to the General Conference Committee for a rehearing.

VOTED, That R.J.Kegley be granted a rehearing in harmony with his request. That the hearing be held in Minneapolis, April 25 and 26. That W.B.Ochs, as chairman, A.V.Olson, H.T. Elliott, W.P.Bradley, A.W.Cormack, J.J.Nethery and T.L.Oswald be appointed to hear the evidence in the case and make decision, and that these seven men be authorized to go to Minneapolis for this purpose.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--LOCATION:

VOTED, That J.F.Cummins, F.B.Knight and W.P.Bradley be authorized to visit Atlantic City, Boston and Cincinnati for the purpose of making investigation of facilities offered for the holding of the 1954 General Conference Session.

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A.G.RODGERS--LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the Canadian Union Committee, we approve of the granting of a leave of absence to England, for A.G.Rodgers and family, of the Ontario-Quebec Conference, the General Conference assuming its share of the expense in harmony with the regular leave of absence policy.

N.R.DOWER--WEEK OF PRAYER AT LOMA LINDA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and the Texas Conference the request from the College of Medical Evangelists for the services of N.R.Dower in conducting the Week of Prayer at Loma Linda, April 22-28.

B.E.WAGNER--APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointment for B.E.Wagner: colporteur rally, Akron, Ohio, May 19 and 20.

E. BETHMANN--TERMINATION OF SERVICES:

VOTED, That in view of circumstances that prevent his continuing in the organized work, the services of E.Bethmann, who has been on the General Conference payroll for some time, be terminated as from March 31, 1951.

C.S.COOPER --TAIWAN:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Asia Division the renewed call from the South China Island Union Mission, for C.S. Cooper to connect with that Union for evangelistic work in Taiwan.

C.H.DAVIS:

VOTED, That C.H.Davis, of the South China Island Union, be authorized to change his residence from Hong Kong to Taiwan, in case he feels that for the sake of safety that would be the wise thing to do.

ADDITIONS TO COMMITTEES:

VOTED, That R.H.Nightingale, chairman of the board of the Forsythe Memorial Sanitarium, and L.T.Hall, business manager of the Florida Sanitarium, and Carl Sundin be added to the Committee on Doctors' Salaries and Operation of Medical Institutions.

HENRY NELSON--WASHINGTON SANITARIUM BOARD:

VOTED, To nominate Henry Nelson for membership on the Washington Sanitarium Board.

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PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE RE COLLEGE STUDENTS:

Information was given relative to the directive recently issued by President Truman, providing for aptitude tests for college students, to determine whether or not they shall be allowed to continue their college work or be called into the military services. Under the present arrangement, the three dates set for these tests, May 26, June 16 and June 30, all fall upon the Sabbath. C.B.Haynes, of the North American War Service Commission, said he was hopeful that the Selective Service officials would yet arrange for an additional date that would make it possible for our college students to apply for the tests. It was

VOTED, That C.B.Haynes be asked to prepare an article for the union papers, and also make contact with our colleges, counseling our young people to adhere to our standards with respect to the Sabbath, and not to make application for taking the aptitude tests on any of the dates that fall upon the Sabbath.

PROVISION FOR SAFETY OF RECORDS:

There was some discussion of the question of making provision for the safety of important General Conference records in case of bombing in the Washington area. Suggestion had been made that a bombproof vault be constructed under the new addition to the General Conference office building, excavation for which is now under way. Inasmuch as this seems impractical, it was

VOTED, That we do not attempt to build a bombproof vault under the new office building.

VOTED, To defer action on the question of providing for the safety of our records until the subcommittee of the Civil Defense and Disaster Relief Committee, which made some investigation concerning this matter, has opportunity to report to this Committee following the Spring Meeting.

PHYLLIS MOSELEN--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference Committee, to extend the sponsorship required by the Government on behalf of Miss Phyllis Moselen, of the North New Zealand Conference, in connection with her application for visa to the United States.

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

SEVENTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 4, 1951, 8:15 A.M.

The meeting was held immediately following the morning worship hour.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W H Branson, L K Dickson, W B Ochs, A V Olson, R R Figuhr, E D Dick, H T Elliott, E E Roenfelt, J I Robison, N W Dunn, C L Torrey, W H Williams, R H Adair, Miss Lois Burnett, W J Harris, Miss Louise Kleuser, L.R.Rasmussen, G M Mathews, W H Teesdale, F Brennwald, Dr T R Flaiz, R A Anderson, A L White, L E Lenheim, W E Nelson, G A Huse.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Roger Altman, W.H Bergherm, H E Schneider, E L Place.

ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE:

The Treasurer presented the financial condition of Atlantic Union College. The College has a heavy indebtedness, and is endeavoring to carry through a much needed building program begun some years ago. The Union on behalf of the College is requesting authorization to borrow \$150,000 in order to complete the new administration building. The needs of the school are such that in order to carry on its work in a proper way a total expenditure of \$670,000 is called for, this to be spread over an eight-year period, and agreed to be met almost entirely from within the Atlantic Union Conference. The immediate need is for funds to complete the administration building, and for that purpose the loan of up to \$150,000 is urgently needed.

VOTED, That the Atlantic Union Conference be authorized to borrow on behalf of Atlantic Union College up to \$150,000 to enable them to finish the administration building at the College, it being understood that this project is included in the \$670,000 eight-year financial program of the Union Conference.

CARL SUNDIN--APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That Carl Sundin be authorized to respond to requests to meet appointments with doctors in the East Pennsylvania and New York Conferences, as may be arranged April 4-11.

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

EIGHTIETH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 10, 1951, 8:15 A.M.

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The meeting was held immediately following the morning worship hour.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W H Branson, W B Ochs, R R Figuhr, L K Dickson, A V Olson
E D Dick, H T Elliott, J I Robison, W P Bradley, E E Roenfelt,
N W Dunn, C L Torrey, W H Williams, J F Cummins, R H Adair, W A
Scharffenberg, B E Wagner, Miss Lois Burnett, Miss Louise Kleuser
E W Dunbar, H H Cobban, G M Mathews, L A Skinner, W H Teesdale,
H F Brown, L E Froom, W A Butler, V J Harris, W E Nelson, A L Ham,
F B Knight, T L Oswald, E J Johanson, R A Anderson, K J Reynolds,
Dr T R Flaiz, J D Smith, E B Hare, H L Rice, Carl Sundin, W P
Elliott, F D Nichol, F Brennwald, J R Fernen, E E Franklin, D A
McAdams, E H Votaw, D E Rebok.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Roger Altman, D E Robinson.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

C.E.Weniger, Commencement Address at Union College,
May 27.

E.F.Brown, Dorcas Federation and Council Meetings in
Central Union, April 29 to May 17.

A.M.Johnson, Southern Pines, North Carolina, April 9, to
represent a colporteur in a court case; also appointments in
Lansing, Holly and Cedar Lake, Michigan, May 27 to June 2.

J.E.Edwards, extension of itinerary in Georgia-Cumber-
land Conference, to April 28.

T.E.Lucas, Baccalaureate Sermon at Atlantic Union Col-
lege, June 2.

Dr. T.R.Flaiz, constituency meetings of Walker Memorial
and Florida Sanitariums, April 30-May 1.

E.W.Dunbar, Youth's Congress, Kansas City, October 12,13.

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W.B.Ochs, E.J.Lorntz, H.T.Elliott, L.R.Rasmussen, C.L.Torrey, to Sandoval, New Mexico, for re-survey of Spanish American Seminary.

W.B.Ochs, C.L.Torrey, W.H.Williams, Dr. T.P.Flaiz, to meet with Michigan Sanitarium Board, April 23.

MRS. WINIFRED McCORMACK-EDWARDS TO WASHINGTON:

VOTED, To pass on to Mrs. Winifred McCormack-Edwards, of Berrien Springs, the request from the Medical Department that she come to Washington for consultation re the "School Health Bulletin," and to attend the American Health meeting in August, the General Conference to meet the expense involved.

R.R.BREITIGAM TO WASHINGTON:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union the request from the Sabbath School Department for R.R.Breitigam to come to Washington for the month of June, to assist in the preparation of Branch Sabbath School lessons for adults, the General Conference to meet transportation and necessary entertainment.

L.K.DICKSON--RELEASED FROM APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That L.K.Dickson be released from attending the meetings he was scheduled to attend in Holland, Denmark and Sweden.

MRS. W.H.WILLIAMS--RELEASED FROM APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Mrs. W.H.Williams be released from the appointment to Mexico City, since the meetings that were to be held in that city have been canceled.

MISS V.E.LARSSON--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the Southern African Division Committee, Miss V.E.Larsson's furlough be extended until she has been able to take the examinations in tropical medicine in Antwerp.

MARIE PFEIFLE--SINGAPORE:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union Conference and Emmanuel Missionary College to release Miss Marie Pfeifle on a leave of absence basis, to connect with the Far Eastern Division for a two-year term of service, as teacher of our missionaries' children in Singapore and vicinity.

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MR. AND MRS. A.H.WATSON--CARIBBEAN COLLEGE:

VOTED, To invite Mr. and Mrs. A.H.Watson, senior students at Emmanuel Missionary College, to connect with the Inter-American Division as teachers in the Caribbean Training College, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. Brother and Sister Watson's homeland is England, but it is understood that they will take the short furlough which is granted by the Inter-American Division to their teachers, in the United States.

TEACHER FOR SOCIETY ISLANDS:

VOTED, To request the Southern European Division to endeavor to find a French-speaking teacher, holding a French diploma, to respond to the call from the Australasian Inter-Union Conference for such a teacher for the Society Islands.

JAMES B.ANDRES--EGYPT:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union and the Upper Columbia Conference to release James B.Andres, to connect with the Middle East Division, for evangelistic work in Asyut, Egypt.

W.V.CLEMENTS--IRAN:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union and the Upper Columbia Conference to release W.V.Clements, to connect with the Middle East Division, for evangelistic work in Iran.

V.E.HENDERSHOT--THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union Conference and Walla Walla College the call from the Theological Seminary Board for V.E.Hendershot to take the presidency of the Theological Seminary.

DENTAL COLLEGE COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That Dr. W.E.Macpherson, Dr. G.T.Harding and Dr. A.W.Johnson be added to the Dental College Committee.

SOUTH CHINA ISLAND UNION

READJUSTMENT OF BUDGET:

VOTED, That the budgets for the south China Island Union Mission for the year 1951 be revised as follows:

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Section II - Class 1A

Overseas Workers Budget: HK\$309,930.60 - US\$51,655.10

Section I - Class 1A

Union	HK\$ 37,934.64
Hong Kong Macao	17,325.84
Taiwan (Formosa)	41,100.60
South China Tr. School	69,756.72
Total	HK\$166,117.80

Exchange rate .16 2/3 - US\$27,686.30

Special appropriations to finish
1950 projectsProject

Student labor to complete project at Training School (1950)	HK\$ 6,000.00
Additional cost overhead power line (1950)	4,529.16
40% salary increase for July 1 to Dec. 31, 1950	6,379.86
Total	HK\$ 16,909.02

Exchange rate .16 2/3 - US\$ 2,816.18

Special Appropriations, 1951Project

Taiipo Chapel - 50% HongKong- Macao	HK\$ 15,000.00
Taipeh Chapel Taiwan Mission	60,000.00
Teinan Chapel " "	30,000.00
Establishing new work in Mountain District " "	6,000.00
Total special requests	HK\$111,000.00

Exchange rate .16 2/3 - US\$18,500.00

The foregoing appropriations to be paid from the Recon-
struction Base - Orient (China).

Special Appropriation to Southern Asia Division:

VOTED, That a special appropriation of \$28,926.30 be grant-
ed to the Southern Asia Division, the same to be paid from Re-
construction Base - Orient (China), this being the equivalent

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of the budget provided for China overseas workers who were transferred from China to the Southern Asia Division.

VOTED, That the Class 1A budgets for Dr. R.H.Dunn, William A.Hilliard and Hsuen Ming Shang be transferred from the overseas China budget to the Southern Asia Division budget, to care for Tibetan borderland work, it being understood that if this work is abandoned the budgets shall revert back to the old China Division funds.

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

SPRING MEETING

EIGHTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Takoma Park, D.C., April 11, 1951, 7:30 P.M.

The Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee was held in Takoma Park, April 11 - 15, 1951, the sessions being held in the chapel of the Theological Seminary.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

W H Branson, A V Olson, W B Ochs, R R Figuhr, L K Dickson, E D Dick, W P Bradley, N W Dunn, H T Elliott, J I Robison, E E Roenfelt, A W Cormack, C L Torrey, W H Williams, R H Adair, J F Cummins, F B Knight, J L McElhany, W E Nelson, W P Elliott, L E Froom, A L Ham, W E Read, G E Peters, E J Johanson, W E Phillips, H W Barrows, H P Bloum, F Brennwald, W A Scharffenberg, J A Buckwalter, G M Mathews, L R Rasmussen, K J Reynolds, T L Oswald, H F Brown, J E Edwards, Dr T R Flaiz, Miss Lois Burnett, Miss Louise Kleuser, Carl Sundin, R A Anderson, G A Huse, E E Franklin, D A McAdams, B E Wagner, E R Walde, A W Johnson, H H Votaw, E B Hare, W J Harris, E W Dunbar, T E Lucas, L A Skinner, F D Nichol, L E Lenheim, W A Nelson, M V Campbell, D A Ochs, M L Rice, Jere D Smith, C A Scriven, C L Bauer, V G Anderson, J W Turner, Glenn Calkins, H G Childs, J R Ferren, H P Evens, H A Morrison, M C Taft, W H Teesdale, P W Christian, H H Cobban, C W Degering, H E Rice, A L White, K A Wright, J J Nethery, J C Shull, J A Stevens, H M Blunden, W A Butler, M E Kern, W A Benjamin.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Others present included representatives of publishing, medical, educational and other interests who were members of important committees that met prior to the Spring Meeting.

"Heir of the Kingdom" was sung to open the meeting, and prayer was offered by J.L.McElhany.

Elder W.H.Branson read Luke 18:1, calling attention to Goodspeed's rendering of this Scripture: "He also taught them by a parable, that men ought always to pray and not lose heart." Jesus warned of terrible conditions that would come upon the earth just prior to His second coming, and surely, said Elder Branson, we have come into those times. Were it not for the special interposition of God and His special help, none of us could keep our courage in these times. But the Lord does not want any of His workers to become discouraged but rather that they should keep their trust and confidence firmly and solidly placed in Him, looking with faith and confidence to the future.

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We are told in the Spirit of prophecy that "God is working out His will, doing all things well in behalf of His people." So we may know that the events taking place in the world today, though it would appear that they would blot the church out of existence, yet actually the Lord will work them out for the best interests of His cause.

As evidence that the Lord is working in behalf of His church, Elder Branson spoke of progress in many places. In China in spite of forbidding conditions, several thousand persons were baptized last year, the largest number ever baptized in a single year. The Central European Division came out of the war with 26,751 members. In the years since their membership has grown to 44,000. The Southern European Division now has a baptized membership of 76,000. In the Southern African Division 13,064 persons were baptized, and in addition 30,036 joined the baptismal classes. In the Inter-American Division they have nearly doubled the number of their baptisms.

So it is in all parts of the world field. And while it is true that the perils of these days to which we have come are the worst that the world has ever seen, that is the time that God calls on the church to arise and shine. Let us remember that we ought always to pray and never lose heart, but keep our confidence strong in the Lord, knowing that He will lead us through and make us more than conquerors in His name. Truly, He is overruling all for the accomplishment of His purposes.

Taking up the business of the hour, the following Daily Program for the Spring Meeting was adopted:

Council	9:00 - 11:00 A.M.
Devotional	11:15 - 12:20
Subcommittees and Boards	3:00 - 5:30 P.M.
Subcommittees or Council	7:00 - 9:00

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the following named persons constitute a Nominating Committee, to make nominations for filling vacancies in the General Conference staff:

L.K.Dickson, chairman; R.A.Anderson, V.G.Anderson, C.L. Bauer, W.E.Branson, M.V.Campbell, E.D.Dick, G.A.Huse, L.E.Lenheim, W.A.Nelson, D.A.Ochs, W.B.Ochs, A.V.Olson, T.L.Oswald, G.E.Peters, H.L.Rice, C.A.Scriven, J.D.Smith, C.L.Torrey, J.W.Turner.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

W.H.Williams, the Undertreasurer, presented the Balance Sheet and Operating Statements of the General Conference, the Corporation, and the Association for the year ending December 31, 1950, together with auditor's statement for each organization and statement re the North American Conference Corporation, and these were by vote accepted, as follows:

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

BALANCE SHEET -- DECEMBER 31, 1950

ASSETSCurrent

Cash and Banks	3 388 158 47
Security Investments	8 972 216 29
Accounts Receivable	1 351 964 00
Accrued Interest on Securities	36 695 41
Supplies and Prepaid Items	632 085 60

Total Current Assets

14 381 119 77LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	1 016 373 26
Trust Funds	3 818 408 40
Unexpired Subscriptions	6 862 90

Total Liabilities

4 841 644 56

NET WORTHRegular

Operating Net Worth, December 31, 1950 5 946 838 13

Restricted Reserve Funds

ESDA Sales & Service Earned Surplus	40 058 18
Foreign Exchange Reserve	162 624 55
Home-Foreign Dept. Surplus	8 592 63
Mission Funds Reserve	50 513 64
Rehabilitation Funds	1 627 261 56
Res. for 1951 Special Appropriations	1 299 474 66
Res. for Fluctuation of Securities	404 111 86

Total Restricted Reserves

3 592 637 08

Total Reserves and Regular Net Worth

9 539 475 21

Total Liabilities, Reserves, and Regular Net Worth

14 381 119 77

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

BALANCE SHEET --- DECEMBER 31, 1950

DETAIL OF NET WORTH

Regular Net Worth, January 1, 1950		5 863 540 47
Add: Transfers authorized by 1949 Autumn Council toward 1950 Special Appropriations	1 281 181 65	-
Operating Gain year 1950	<u>19 368 56</u>	<u>1 300 550 21</u>
		7 164 090 68
Less: Transfer to Securities Fluctuation Reserve the amount of 1950 Security Earnings in excess of 2%	142 777 89	
Transfer to Special Reserve for 1951 Special Appropriations as voted by 1950 Autumn Council	<u>1 074 474 66</u>	<u>1 217 252 55</u>
Regular Net Worth, December 31, 1950		5 946 838 13
<u>Restricted Reserves</u>		
On Hand, January 1, 1950	2 963 767 31	
Increase during year 1950	<u>628 869 77</u>	
Total Restricted Reserves, December 31, 1950		<u>3 592 637 08</u>
Total Net Worth, December 31, 1950		<u><u>9 539 475 21</u></u>
<u>Authorized Capital</u>		
Total Regular Net Worth, December 31, 1950		5 946 838 13
Authorized Operating Capital (20% of 1950 Regular Appropriations)	2 697 388 87	
Authorized Fixed Reserve (same as above)	<u>2 697 388 87</u>	
Total Authorized Capital (40% of Regular 1950 Appropriations)		<u>5 394 777 74</u>
Actual Net Worth exceeds Authorized Capital		<u><u>552 060 39</u></u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

OPERATING STATEMENT

Year Ending December 31, 1950

INCOMETITHESNorth America

Union Conferences 1%	211 187 68	
Percent of Tithes Regular	4 143 195 63	
Percent of Tithes Special	1 782 233 54	
Miscellaneous	<u>15 238 02</u>	6 151 854 87

Foreign

Overseas Non-Revertible		<u>58 431 26</u>
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Total Tithe Receipts

6 210 286 13

MISSION OFFERINGSNorth America

Seventy-Cent-a-Week Funds	7 534 372 64	
Missions Miscellaneous	5 981 34	
Specific Mission Offerings	24 357 12	
Gen. Conf. Session Offering	<u>325 521 79</u>	7 890 232 89

Foreign

Overseas Revertible	1 383 049 77	
Overseas Non-Revertible	<u>1 104 362 17</u>	<u>2 487 411 94</u>

Total Mission Offerings

10 377 644 83

MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

Adjustments Previous Years	5 574 11	
Donations and Miscellaneous	5 301 72	
Interest and Dividends	270 171 70	
Journal of True Education	284 50	
Legacies and Matured Annuities	26 352 24	
Royalties	19 125 84	
Security Sales Gain	<u>57 850 90</u>	

Total Miscellaneous Income

384 661 01

Total General Conference Income, Year 1950

16 972 591 97

Total Income	16 972 591 97
Less: Total Expenses (page 5)	<u>16 953 223 41</u>

Net Gain Year 1950

19 368 56

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

OPERATING STATEMENT -- Continued

Year Ended December 31, 1950

EXPENSESAPPROPRIATIONS:

Foreign:

Appointees' Expense	1 049 86	
Contingency Expense	26 159 37	
Emergency	56 698 16	
Miscellaneous Items	33 85	
Mission Appointees' Debt Allowance	3 615 98	
Missions Extension	70 832 35	
Regular	7 267 701 09	
Relocation German Foreign Missionaries, Salary and Expense	6 094 25	
Reverted Mission Funds, Regular	1 383 049 77	
Reverted Mission Funds, Special	129 556 22	
Specials - Autumn Council	1 059 688 39	
Special Sick Relief	9 792 50	
Specific Mission Funds	24 357 12	
Spring in Tithes and Offerings	22 998 11	
Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow	167 869 17	10 229 496 19

Home:

Bible Societies	9 000 00	
Contingency Expense	49 901 21	
Educational Textbooks Initial Expense	7 745 55	
Emergency - Alaska School	5 000 00	
General Conference 1950 Session	96 205 77	
Less: Provision from Previous Years	<u>15 000 00</u>	81 205 77
Ingathering Overflow	1 275 880 19	
Institutional Relief Comeback	986 336 86	
Madison College	2 877 50	
Miscellaneous Travel	3 873 46	
Permanently Returned Workers	53 605 26	
Regular Appropriations	450 496 06	
Revertible Funds - Alaska, Bermuda, Hawaii, etc.	47 379 26	
Reverted Funds - Non-Tithes	1 782 233 54	
Specials - Autumn Council	205 000 00	
Specials to Institutions	395 000 00	
Special Sick Relief	18 434 50	
Spring in Tithes and Offerings	316 67	
Sustentation Fund	76 393 81	5 450 679 64

Total Appropriations for year 1950

15 680 175 83

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

OPERATING STATEMENT - Concluded

Year Ending December 31, 1950

EXPENSES
(Concluded)GENERAL OPERATING

Administrative and Departmental:

Salaries	459 220 83	
Ministers' Quarters	8 281 24	
Rent Subsidies	50 079 11	
Travel	264 833 62	
Office Expenses	<u>103 910 59</u>	886 325 39

Regular Operating Expense:

Blue Cross Insurance	1 200 95	
Cables and Telegrams	2 528 13	
Employees' Medical Examinations	669 42	
Entertainment	6 008 27	
General Expense	4 770 72	
Ingathering Promotion	192 226 76	
Insurance	2 865 32	
Ministry Magazine	4 082 78	
Missions Promotion	10 371 95	
Rent, Heat, and Light	30 547 72	
Retired Laborers	1 680 01	
Transportation Agencies	47 030 62	
Year Book	<u>391 40</u>	304 374 05

Miscellaneous Operating Expenses:

Advent Source Expense	105 26	
Autumn and Spring Councils Expense	2 237 30	
Cafeteria Loss	5 927 68	
Employees' Housing Expense	36 200 00	
Informant	1 348 15	
Securities Expense	168 61	
Unassigned Workers	<u>36 361 14</u>	<u>82 348 14</u>

Total General Operating Expense		1 273 047 58
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Total Appropriations from page 4		<u>15 680 175 83</u>
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TOTAL EXPENSE - YEAR 1950		<u><u>16 953 223 41</u></u>
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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Comparative Operating Statement
Years 1949 and 1950

	<u>INCOME</u>		Increase Decrease *
	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	
<u>Tithes</u>			
Home Field	4 094 147 21	4 369 621 33	275 474 12
Overseas	<u>67 068 96</u>	<u>58 431 26</u>	<u>8 637 70*</u>
Total Tithe Receipts	4 161 216 17	4 428 052 59	266 836 42
<u>Mission Offerings</u>			
Home Fields	7 316 598 31	7 890 232 89	573 634 58
Overseas	<u>3 028 617 20</u>	<u>2 487 411 94</u>	<u>541 205 26*</u>
Total Mission Offerings	10 345 215 51	10 377 644 83	32 429 32
Miscellaneous Income	<u>321 996 59</u>	<u>384 661 01</u>	<u>62 664 42</u>
TOTAL INCOME	14 828 428 27	15 190 358 43	361 930 16
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
<u>Appropriations</u>			
Overseas	9 844 439 92	10 229 496 19	385 056 27
Home Fields	<u>3 431 079 34</u>	<u>3 668 446 10</u>	<u>237 366 76</u>
Total Appropriations	13 275 519 26	13 897 942 29	622 423 03
<u>General Operating</u>			
Administrative & Departmental	817 858 67	886 325 39	68 466 72
Regular Operating	296 677 33	304 374 05	7 696 72
Miscellaneous Operating	<u>63 472 55</u>	<u>82 348 14</u>	<u>18 875 59</u>
Total General Operating	1 178 008 55	1 273 047 58	95 039 03
TOTAL EXPENSES	14 453 527 81	15 170 989 87	717 462 06
NET GAIN	<u><u>374 900 46</u></u>	<u><u>19 368 56</u></u>	<u><u>355 531 90*</u></u>

Note: The above statement does not include the amount of special tithes sent in by conferences in exchange for a like amount of non-tithe funds.

AUDITORS' STATEMENT

To Whom It May Concern:

We have examined the accounting records of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for the year ended December 31, 1950 and in connection therewith have checked vouchers covering the receipt and disbursement of cash together with supporting evidence and authorization for payment, and other records to the extent deemed advisable.

Cash was in hand as called for by the records and bank accounts were in reconciliation with statements from the respective banks. The securities owned by this organization have been verified by actual inspection or by confirmation from brokers holding them for sale or delivery and are valued in the Balance Sheet at cost or at market rates December 31, 1950, whichever was lower.

In our opinion, based upon the examination made, the accompanying Balance Sheet, showing a total Net Worth of \$9,539,475.21, and the related Operating Statement present fairly the financial position of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists as of December 31, 1950 and the results of operating during the year then ended.

H. W. Barrows
F. P. Brennwald

Auditors for the General Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists

Takoma Park, D.C.
March 9, 1951

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Balance Sheet

December 31, 1950

ASSETSCurrent

Cash and Banks	17 244 06	
Securities	1 514 617 06	
Accounts Receivable	358 799 53	
Real Estate Contracts Receivable	30 976 10	
Accrued Interest Receivable	2 863 24	
Unexpired Insurance	3 906 85	
Repairs-Supplies Inventory	1 605 12	
	<u> </u>	
Total Current Assets		1 930 011 96

Fixed

Real Estate	249 945 58	
Buildings less Depreciation	363 430 21	
Equipment less Depreciation	132 607 91	
	<u> </u>	
Total Fixed Assets		<u>745 983 70</u>

Total Assets

2 675 995 66LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable & Deposits	424 361 90	
Notes Payable, Trust Agreements & Certificates of Deposit	785 166 53	
Annuity Agreements	520 100 62	
Trust Funds	8 498 63	
	<u> </u>	

Total Liabilities

1 738 127 68

NET WORTHReserves

For Security Fluctuation	381 225 03	
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Regular

Net Worth, December 31, 1950	<u>556 642 95</u>	
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Total Net Worth

937 867 98

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH

2 675 995 66

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Balance Sheet
December 31, 1950

SURPLUS STATEMENT

Regular Net Worth, January 1, 1950	561 104 74
Add: Net Gain for year	<u>27 501 14</u>
	588 605 88
Deduct: Interest received during year in excess of 2% on average monthly balance of Security Investments	31 962 93

Regular Net Worth, December 31, 1950	<u>556 642 95</u>
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Reserves

Reserve for Security Contingency Fund, Balance 1-1-50	356 515 22
Add: Security earnings in excess of 2% of Average monthly balance	<u>31 962 93</u>
	388 478 15
Deduct: Depreciation in value of securities Per lower of cost or market as of 12-31-50	<u>7 253 12</u>
Total Surplus Reserve	<u>381 225 03</u>
Total Net Worth, December 31, 1950	<u><u>937 867 98</u></u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Operating Statement

Year Ending December 31, 1950

INCOME

Apartment Property Income		3 373 75
Building and Equipment Rents		24 000 00
35 and 41 Carroll Ave., Property Income		1 206 70
Gain on Sale of Equipment		1 997 47
Interest Income, Banks & Miscellaneous		1 350 42
Matured Annuities and Estates		4 888 88
Security Income - Dividends	35 426 78	
Security Income - Interest	<u>22 566 68</u>	57 993 46
Security Income - Gain on Sales		<u>5 073 49</u>

Total Income for year

99 884 17

EXPENSES

Annuity Expense		20 289 37
Apartment Property Losses		4 123 42
Depreciation, Buildings		3 690 09
Depreciation, D. C. Clinic Bldgs.		2 203 86
Depreciation, Grounds Improvements		512 42
Depreciation Equipment		13 118 85
Donations Made--Mabel Waggoner	1 500 00	
--Mrs. Geo. Judd (Sust)	<u>384 80</u>	1 884 80
General Expense		1 324 47
Golden Property Loss-Taxes		285 40
Grounds Expense		562 52
Insurance Expense		749 17
Interest Expense		8 768 75
Repairs, Buildings		3 116 23
Repairs, Equipment		1 949 34
Repairs, Northwestern Bldg. Alterations		3 246 37
Salaries		4 416 50
Taxes		<u>2 141 47</u>

Total Expenses for year

72 383 03

Net Gain for Year (Carried to Surplus Account)

27 501 14

AUDITORS' STATEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;

We have examined the accounting records of the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists for the year ended December 31, 1950, and in connection therewith checked vouchers representing receipt and disbursement of cash together with supporting evidence and authorization for payment. Investments in securities were verified by actual inspection of these documents and are valued in the Balance Sheet at cost or market whichever was lower at December 31, 1950. Cash deposited with the banks was in reconciliation with statements from the respective banks.

In our opinion, based upon this examination, the accompanying Balance Sheet and the Operating Statement present fairly the financial position of the General Conference Corporation at December 31, 1950, and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

W E Phillips
H A Blount

AUDITORS
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Takoma Park, D.C.
March 12, 1951

GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF S. D. A.

Balance Sheet - - December 31, 1950

ASSETSAccounts Receivable

General Conference		33 938 92
U.S. Treasury Bonds		34 000 00
Real Estate	200 00	
Less: Reserve	<u>200 00</u>	<u> </u>

Total Assets

67 938 92NET WORTH

Net Worth, January 1, 1950		67 090 92
Add: Increase for year 1950		<u>848 00</u>

No Liabilities

Total Liabilities and Net Worth

67 938 92

GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF S. D. A.

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

Year Ended December 31, 1950

<u>INCOME</u>	
Interest from U.S. Bonds	850 00
<u>EXPENSE</u>	
Filing Non-Profit Corporation Report	<u>2 00</u>
Net Gain	<u>848 00</u>

AUDITORS' STATEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We have examined the accounts of the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists for the year ended December 31, 1950, and based upon this examination, in our opinion, the accompanying Balance Sheet and the Income and Expense Statement present fairly the financial position of the Association at December 31, 1950.

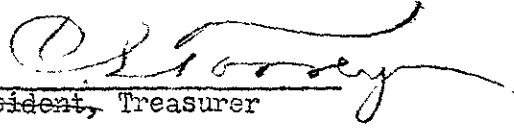
W. E. Phillips
H. P. Brown

AUDITORS
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS


Takoma Park, D. C.
March 12, 1951

NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE CORPORATION
OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

The North American Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists, organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, has no known assets or liabilities. The corporation is being continued in order to care for wills, legacies, or bequests which may have been written in favor of this organization; and to adjust property interest which may still exist in the name of the North American Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.




President, Treasurer



Secretary

Washington, D.C.
March 12, 1951

Certified to by:


Auditor of the General Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists

April 11, 1951

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND OFFERINGS FOR 1952:

The Committee on the Calendar of Special Days and Offerings for the year 1952 submitted a report, which was adopted as follows:

Special Days for Which Programs are Provided

January 5	Home Missionary Day (Family Alter Day)
January 26	Religious Liberty Day
February 2	Christian Home Day
March 1	Home Foreign Day
March 8	Missionary Volunteer Day
March 8 - 15	Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer
March 22	Television Day
April 5	Ingathering Day <i>< Apr. 20-26 Big week see p 589.</i>
May 3	Medical Missionary Day
June 7	Home Missionary Day
July 5	Home Missionary Day <i>(June 16/1951/1952 - June 21, Let for Soldiers p 390)</i>
July 12	Midsummer Offering Service
July 26	Educational Day
August 2	Home Missionary Day
September 6	Colporteur Rally
September 13	Missions Extension Day
September 20	Sabbath School Rally Day
October 4	Home Missionary Day <i>< Sept 20-27 "These Times" see p 628</i>
October 11	Voice of Prophecy
October 25	Temperance Day
November 1	Home Missionary Day
November 27	Thanksgiving Day
November 29 - December 6	Week of Prayer and Sacrifice
December 13	Home Missionary Day

Dates of Campaigns for 1952

January 5 - 26	<u>Liberty Magazine Campaign</u>
February 16 - 23	<u>Signs of the Times Campaign</u>
April 5 - May 17	<u>Ingathering Campaign</u>
October 11 - 18	<u>Message Magazine Campaign</u>
November 1 - 22	<u>Review and Herald Campaign</u>

Dates of Special Offerings for 1952

January 12	Second Sabbath Mission Offering
January 26	Religious Liberty Offering
February 9	Second Sabbath Mission Offering
March 8	Second Sabbath Mission Offering
March 22	Television Offering
April 12	Second Sabbath Mission Offering
May 10	Second Sabbath Mission Offering
June 14	Second Sabbath Mission Offering
July 12	Midsummer Offering

These Times Campaign Sept. (21-28) see p 628
are not the same as on p 628
date 7/28

April 11, 1951

July 26Elementary Schools Offering
 August 9Second Sabbath Mission Offering
 August 16College of Medical Evangelists
 August 30Riverside Sanitarium Offering
 September 13Missions Extension Offering
 October 11Voice of Prophecy Offering
 October 25Temperance Offering
 December 6Week of Sacrifice and Annual Offering

see also p. 390

Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings for 1952

March 29Northern European Division
 June 28Middle East Division
 September 27Central European Division
 December 27Southern Asia Division

Adjourned to 9 A.M., Thursday, with the closing prayer
 by L.K.Dickson.

W.H.Branson, Chairman,
 E.D.Dick,
 J.I.Robison, Secretaries.
 E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

EIGHTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 12, 1951, 9:00 A.M.

Following the opening song, at nine o'clock Thursday morning, April 12, prayer was offered by J.W.Turner.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

W.A.Spicer, V.E.Hendershot, Dr. W.E.Macpherson, Dr. E.A.
 Sutherland.

DR. HARRY Y.C.WONG--OAKWOOD COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and Emmanuel Missionary College the call for Dr. Harry Y.C.Wong to connect with Oakwood College.

C.G.CROSS--CENTRAL UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to C.G.Cross, of the American Temperance Society, the call from the Central Union to connect with that union as publishing department secretary.

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LITERATURE FOR JEWISH PEOPLE: .

Elder S. Kaplan, who has been working among the Jewish people with the Liberty Magazine, made a strong plea in behalf of the preparation of literature for, and its distribution among the Jewish people in America, of whom, he said, there are between five and a half and six millions in the United States and Canada, many in business and holding responsible positions in the country, and for whom very little has been done in connection with our work. He referred to statements from Sister White to the effect that multitudes of Jews would be convinced of the truth and take their stand for God and this message. He felt that it would be largely through the literature work that these results would come. Other denominations, he said, have tracts and periodicals for the Jews, while we have not a single periodical, tract or book prepared especially for them.

In the discussion that followed it was felt that plans ought to be laid for a larger effort to be made for the Jewish people, and that plans ought to be revived looking toward the preparation of literature especially for them, and for finding ways and means for its distribution. It was

VOTED, That the Minority Committee be asked to appoint a committee to give study to the matter, and bring recommendation to the Autumn Council as to ways and means of reaching the Jewish population in this country with the third angel's message.

W.B.Ochs, Chairman.
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

EIGHTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 12, 1951, 3:00 P.M.

"I Would Be, Dear Saviour, Wholly Thine" was sung to open the meeting, and prayer was offered by V.G.Anderson.

WORKERS RETURNED FROM MISSION SERVICE
OR RELEASED FROM GENERAL CONFERENCE
RESPONSIBILITIES:

The following recommendations from the union conference presidents were adopted:

April 12, 1951

We recommend, That the policy concerning the placing and supporting of workers returned from mission fields (General Conference Working Policy, p. 118) be revised to read as follows (matter underlined is either new or revised):

1. Where division and General Conference Committees recommend the return of workers for further service, employing organizations in the homeland are encouraged to do everything possible to quickly absorb such workers into their regular working staffs.
2. To assist conferences and institutions in the North American Division in employing workers returned from overseas service, these workers are supported by the division from which they return for a period of six months from the date of their sailing for the homeland, and by the General Conference for an additional period of one year, making a total of eighteen months, except in the case of such workers as provided for in paragraphs seven and eight. Conferences or institutions employing these workers receive the benefit of this support provided by the division and General Conference organizations, it being understood that in cases of workers, other than doctors, in which the division committee concerned and the General Conference Committee feel that advanced educational preparation is needed to facilitate the placing of the worker in the homeland, the General Conference Committee is authorized to use part or all of this eighteen months' support provision in enabling these workers to obtain this added preparation. The employing conferences or institutions will benefit in each such case only by the unused portion of the support provided by this policy.
3. The division or General Conference is responsible for transporting these workers to the fields to which they are called.
4. Receiving organizations are responsible for all local expenses incurred by the worker after he connects with the work in the field. At the close of the period for which support is provided by the division and General Conference, the receiving organization is responsible for his full support.
5. The eighteen month salary provision of paragraph two above shall apply in the case of workers of experience who are called to positions of administrative responsibility the same as for other workers; and this provision shall be made retroactive to the time of the General Conference Session in 1950.
6. When a worker who is placed in one field or institution with the financial assistance of this policy and later is called to another field or institution before the salary provision is expired, one-half of the remaining salary due shall be paid to the conference or institution calling him.

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7. Since it is only fair that when an institution employs a doctor or nurse whose earning capacity increases the income of the institution, that institution shall assume the salary of the worker immediately without the benefit of the financial aid of this policy. No special allowance is made to the institution in the case of nurses who enter upon private duty in connection with our institutions, but rather a fair settlement shall be made with the missionary nurse.

8. The General Conference Committee is given wide discretion in placing workers of short experience in the mission field to make allowances of financial aid to conferences and institutions in proportion to the time of service in the mission field; and the General Conference Committee also is given discretion in the case of missionaries who return to the homeland ill, or unable for other reasons beyond their control to begin work immediately upon arrival, to make a reasonable adjustment with the employing conference or institution when the worker is ready for service again.

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

10. The General Conference Committee is given wide discretionary powers to make provision for cases which the division and General Conference Committees feel deserve special consideration, or which cannot be clearly recommended to the fields for employment.

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

12. However, if a worker is not employed in a conference or institution, and is not eligible for sustentation, but enters upon self-supporting work, the General Conference Committee shall make financial settlement with the worker in harmony with the provisions of the policy "Permanent Return of Missionaries."

Adjourned, with the closing prayer by C.B.Haynes.

W.B.Ochs, Chairman.
H.T.Elliott,
E.D.Dick, Secretaries.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

EIGHTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 13, 1951, 9:00 A.M.

"I Need Thee Every Hour" was sung to open the meeting. The Chairman read a portion of the ninth Psalm, and prayer was offered by J.D.Smith.

STATISTICAL SUMMARIES:

E.J.Johanson, the Statistical Secretary, reported that the church membership in the United States and Canada was 250,939 when the year 1950 ended, compared with 243,193 at the close of 1949, or a net increase of 7,746 for the year 1950. Organized churches increased by 45, now totaling 2,878. During 1950 there were 15,305 baptisms, as compared with 14,807 in 1949. Six union conferences reported 854 more baptisms in 1950 than in 1949, and four unions reported 356 fewer baptisms, the net increase over the previous year therefore being 498.

The Seventh-day Adventist constituency in the United States and Canada during 1950 raised the largest sum ever recorded in tithes and offerings, amounting to \$35,909,891.07, including \$12,575.79 for postwar relief.

INGATHERING FUNDS FROM LIQUOR INTERESTS:

There was some discussion of the question of soliciting and accepting Ingathering funds from liquor interests, and reference was made to statements in "Ministry of Healing," page 340, and to other statements in the Spirit of prophecy. It was

VOTED, That a committee be appointed to draw up a statement on the question of accepting Ingathering gifts from liquor interests.

Committee appointed: A.V.Olson, chairman; T.L.Oswald, J.E.Edwards, W.A.Scherffenberg, J.A.Buckwalter, L.A.Skinner, J.I.Robison, P.W.Christian, M.N.Campbell, C.L.Bauer, L.R.Rasmussen.

ASSISTANT TREASURER AND LONDON TRANSPORTATION AGENT:

The Treasurer referred to the work in the General Conference Treasury Department, and stressed the need of an additional assistant treasurer.

VOTED, That we approve of the appointment of an additional General Conference assistant treasurer, and that the Nominating Committee be asked to bring in a nomination. Further

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that the Nominating Committee be asked to make nomination of a transportation agent for the London office.

Adjourned to 3 P.M., with the closing prayer by I.J. Woodman.

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

EIGHTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 13, 1951, 3:00 P.M.

After the opening song, prayer was offered by Glenn Galkins.

ELEMENTARY BIBLE TEXTBOOKS:

A report from a committee on Bible Textbooks was presented, and adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The following action was taken by the General Conference Committee, December 8, 1949 (pp. 1727, 1728)

"Elementary Bible Textbook Fund"

"The committee that was appointed on the price of Elementary Bible Textbooks submitted the following report, which was adopted:

"Whereas, The Department of Education of the General Conference has secured the manuscripts for four new elementary Bible textbooks at considerable expense both to the General Conference and to the cooperating union and local conferences and educational institutions; and

"Whereas, There is great need for these new textbooks to be furnished to our schools as soon as possible; and

"Whereas, The Pacific Press Publishing Association finds it impossible to publish and distribute these textbooks at the price which the Department of Education feels is the maximum price that parents should be asked to pay for such books: Grades 7 and 8 --\$2.75, Grades 5 and 6 --\$2.50, Grades 3 and 4 --\$2.25; and

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"Whereas, The Press proposes that a revolving fund be set up for each of these Bible textbooks as follows: a subsidy of $54 \frac{1}{3}$ cents to be paid to the Press for each copy of these books sold until 20,000 copies of each book have been sold, this subsidy to be paid at the close of each calendar year for the books actually sold during that year. They propose, furthermore, that after 20,000 copies of a book are sold, they agree to set aside 55 cents per copy for the books sold beyond the 20,000 figure, or whatever the actual initial expense per copy is after the 20,000 have been printed and circulated, provided costs of printing and binding remain the same, to provide for further revisions and new textbook manuscripts.

"Therefore, We recommend, 1. That the Department of Education re-examine the manuscripts of these books and reduce the number of illustrations and the size of the books as far as is consistent with good educational practice.

"2. That the General Conference set up \$10,000 from the Contingency Fund as a subsidy for 'Bible 3 and 4, Odd Year'-- the book to be published this year and made available to our schools for the 1950-51 school year.

"3. That we recommend to the Budget Committee at the time of the 1950 Autumn Council that similar provision of \$10,000 be made for each of the remaining three books." And

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. 3 of the above action failed to reach the Budget Committee of the 1950 Autumn Council, and therefore was not implemented; and

WHEREAS, The representatives of the Pacific Press Publishing Association find it impossible to publish and distribute these textbooks at the prices agreed upon in this action due to greatly increased costs of production since December 8, 1949;

Therefore, We recommend, 1. That Recommendation No. 3 of the December 8, 1949 action of the General Conference Committee be referred to the Budget Committee of the 1951 Autumn Council.

2. That the retail prices of elementary and secondary textbooks be revised as follows:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Through the Years with God	\$2.25	\$2.75
All the Way with God	2.25	2.75
Day by Day with Jesus	2.50	2.75
Messengers of the Promise	2.50	2.75
Life and Times of the Old Testament	3.00	3.90
Development of the Christian Church	3.00	3.90
Biology	4.00	4.50

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3. That the teachers' editions of the elementary Bible textbooks be set at actual cost to the publishers.

1954 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--LOCATION:

J.F.Cummins reported concerning investigations made with reference to a location for the 1954 General Conference Session. Of the cities visited by the committee that was appointed, Cleveland seemed to offer the best accommodations. Cleveland has a fine auditorium, with numerous additional halls. There would be no problem as regards hotel and rooming accommodations. The committee made a tentative reservation of the accommodations offered.

As the matter was discussed, it was the consensus that decision should not be made until there has been opportunity at the time of the Autumn Council, which is to be held in Cleveland, for all to see what the facilities are. In this connection the observation was made that if decision is delayed until the time of the Autumn Council, and the decision should be negative, it may be then too late to secure the auditorium in San Francisco, which would seem to be the only alternative to Cleveland. It was

VOTED, That the Treasury be asked to endeavor to secure options on both the Cleveland and San Francisco auditoriums until the time of the Autumn Council.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The Nominating Committee submitted their report, which was adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. For the London Transportation Agent, W.J.Blacker.

2. For Associate Secretary of the North American Colored Department: L.H.Bland.

3. For Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Press Relations: Miss Helen Smith.

4. For Associate Secretary of the Ministerial Association: Robert Whitsett.

(It was decided to postpone appointment of an additional Assistant Treasurer until the time of the Autumn Council.)

PICTURES AND FILMS: .

The chairmen of two committees that have been working on the problem of securing good and appropriate pictures --

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mission pictures for use in our periodicals, and motion pictures and films -- stated that both committees had about come to the conclusion that the only way to obtain the results desired will be to employ some one trained in the taking of pictures, and send him on trips by direction of the General Conference Committee and at General Conference expense for that purpose. After some discussion, it was

VOTED, That the Minority Committee be asked to give study to the matter, with the idea of some one being definitely assigned for the taking of pictures and films for promotional and other purposes.

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERINGS IN 1953:

VOTED, That the following be the fields to benefit by the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflows in 1953:

First quarter, Far Eastern Division
 Second quarter, Southern European Division
 Third quarter, Southern African Division
 Fourth quarter, Australasian Inter-Union Conference.

SENIOR SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS:

The following recommendations from the Sabbath School Advisory Council that met in Fort Worth recently were submitted, and adopted:

In view of the vital place of the Sabbath school in the life of the church in these momentous days, and the need of encouraging all our church members to obtain the advantages of united Bible study, and recognizing the need of wider counsel in the selection of lesson topics and writers for the senior Sabbath school lessons,

We recommend, 1. That the General Conference Committee appoint a standing committee at the time of the coming Spring Meeting to take the responsibility of selecting the topics, arranging the sequences, and choosing the writers for the senior Sabbath school lessons.

2. That the personnel of this committee be as follows: the Sabbath School Department Advisory Committee, plus a college Bible teacher, an editor, an evangelist, and a pastor.

VOTED, That the officers be asked to appoint the committee called for in the foregoing recommendations.

Adjourned to 9 A.M., Sunday, with the closing prayer by Frederick Griggs.

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

EIGHTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 15, 1951, 9:00 A.M.

After an opening song, followed by a Scripture reading by the Chairman, prayer was offered by F.W.Schnepper.

Further recommendations from the Sabbath School Advisory Committee were presented, and adopted as follows:

CENTENNIAL YEAR OF SABBATH SCHOOL WORK:

WHEREAS, The year 1952 marks the one hundredth anniversary of the beginning of our Sabbath school work;

We recommend, That in pursuance of the general denominational program of doubling our church membership as soon as possible, we

1. Make 1952 the greatest soul-winning year in the history of the Sabbath school.
2. Endeavor to reach a Sabbath school membership goal of 1,250,000 by the end of 1952.
3. Employ every Sabbath school offering channel to achieve a goal of \$6,000,000 in 1952 to forward the soul-winning work in mission fields.
4. Designate Sabbath, September 20, as Centennial Sabbath, and that a suitable program be prepared for presentation at the church service in all our churches on that day.
5. Publish a special centennial number of the Sabbath School Worker for September.
6. Feature a special Sabbath school objective each month in 1952, in the Sabbath School Worker, in the light of this centennial year.
7. Request the Review and Herald, Youth's Instructor, Our Little Friend, and the union papers to feature this Sabbath school centennial during the months of August and September.
8. Produce a film, about thirty minutes in length, featuring actual soul-winning experiences as promoted through the Sabbath school, and that a committee be appointed to supervise this undertaking.

VOTED, That the committee called for in Recommendation No. 8 be appointed by the officers, and that the question of

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financing the production of the film, up to \$15,000, be referred to the Autumn Council.

SABBATH SCHOOL SONG BOOK:

The committee appointed on the question of a Sabbath school song book made a report, which was adopted as follows:

After reviewing the basic needs for a Sabbath school song book,

We recommend, 1. That the Sabbath School Department be authorized to go forward with plans to publish a Sabbath school song book, not to exceed 192 pages,---approximately one third the size of the Church Hymnal.

2. That a committee of nine be appointed to work with the Sabbath School Department in finalizing on the songs to go into this book, and in planning generally for it.

3. That our Sabbath school officers, and former officers and members be given a voice in the selection of the songs to be considered for this book.

Adjourned to 3 P.M., with the closing prayer by I.J. Woodman.

A.V.Olson, Chairman.
E.D.Dick, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

EIGHTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 15, 1951, 3:00 P.M.

"Fairest Lord Jesus" was sung to open the meeting, and prayer was offered by E.L.Cardey.

BOOK ON BASIC DOCTRINES:

T.L.Oswald spoke of the desire on the part of the Home Missionary Department for the publication of a book on Basic Doctrines, for distribution on a missionary basis, to be sold or given by our people to neighbors and friends. The department feels that this would be one means of helping to double our membership. It was

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VOTED, That we approve of the plan for the preparation of a book on Basic Doctrines, and that the officers be asked to appoint a committee, consisting of representatives of the publishing work, the field, the General Conference Officers, and the Home Missionary Department, to implement the plan.

MIDSUMMER OFFERING:

The Treasurer outlined plans for promotion of the 1951 Midsummer Offering, through the Review, the union papers, the Instructor, and the Ministry. It was

VOTED, That we set \$100,000 as a goal for the 1951 Midsummer Offering.

MEDICAL EXPENSE POLICY:

A committee that had been appointed on the Medical Expense Policy submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted:

We recommend, That the General Conference Medical Expense Policy be amended as follows:

1. Where a worker's wife is regularly employed in one of our denominational organizations, and she becomes ill, she shall make the application for medical assistance.

2. Where the wife of a worker is regularly employed outside of the denomination, she shall look to her employer for any medical assistance.

3. Where both husband and wife are employed in our organization, medical expense of eligible dependents who are not employed is to be included in the husband's report.

Question was raised regarding the time a worker must be employed in our organization before being eligible for assistance on medical expense, and it was

VOTED, To list this question for Autumn Council consideration.

COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS

CONTRACTS FOR RESEARCH WORK:

W.P.Elliott, chairman of the Board of the College of Medical Evangelists, reported that the College is being urged to take some part in the efforts of the American Government to improve the health and living conditions of peoples in various parts of the world. He stated that just now the School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine has been offered opportunity to enter into contract with the Government to carry on investigation and testing of certain new antimalarial drugs in

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some highly malarious area of our choosing, financed by Government grants. The experimental station would not need to be connected with one of our organizations or mission stations, but could be if we so chose. So far as can be seen no Government control of the school is involved.

VOTED, That we approve of the College of Medical Evangelists entering into contract with the Government, for the School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine to carry on certain specified research in tropical areas, as outlined by the chairman of the College Board.

J.H.NIES--LOMA LINDA SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference the call from the College of Medical Evangelists for J.H.Nies to connect with the Loma Linda Sanitarium as manager, it being understood that the College of Medical Evangelists will meet the moving expenses from Washington to California.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

H.P.Bloum, Southern Publishing Association, Riverside Sanitarium, Oakwood College, Canadian Watchman Press, for auditing.

J.H.Jackson, of the Review and Herald, to stop over for institute at Canadian Union College, if it can be arranged.

A.W.Johnson, Ottawa, Canada, to help in clarification regarding restrictions on the circulation of our literature, time to be arranged.

Carl Sundin, Corning, New York, following Spring Meeting, to arrange for placement of two doctors with Dr. Gibbs' clinic. Meet with Central Union Committee re doctor placement in Central Union. Give commencement address at Sunnydale Academy; and Ardmore, Oklahoma, en route to appointments in Central Union and Des Moines, Iowa.

F.H.Yost, Youth's Rally over week end of May 5, at Windsor, Ontario.

Dr. T.R.Flaiz, Health Evangelism Institute, Boulder, Colorado, May 21.

J.L.McElhany, Baccalaureate Sermon at Walla Walla College, June 9.

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L.R.Rasmussen, Oklahoma, for counsel re new academy project, in connection with trip to survey the Spanish American Seminary.

J.A.Buckwalter, attend Council of the National Temperance League in Chicago, June 18-21, and meet a Sabbath appointment.

W.E.PHILLIPS--AUDITING ITINERARY:

VOTED, That W.E.Phillips' auditing itinerary be extended to include the South China Island Union Mission, the Middle East Division, and to join F.Brennwald in the audit of the books of the Hamburg Publishing House.

OFFERING FOR LITERATURE FOR MEN IN ARMED SERVICES:

VOTED, That the dates for the offering for literature for our men in the armed services be June 16, for the year 1951, and June 21 for the year 1952.

DR. LUKE TSAI--MALAYA:

VOTED, That endeavor be made to locate Dr. Luke Tsai, who is sitting for the Canadian Board qualification this month in Canada, somewhere in British Malaya.

PERPETUAL CALENDAR:

VOTED, That we hereby go on record in opposition to the passage of Bill H R 3397, recently introduced into Congress by Mr. Farrington, delegate from Hawaii, for the adoption on New Year's Day, 1956, of the Edwards Perpetual Calendar which, like the proposed World Calendar, breaks the historic week.

MOTION PICTURES AND TELEVISION:

A statement prepared by a special committee, setting forth principles and standards governing the selection of motion pictures and television, was introduced, and it was

VOTED, That this statement be referred to the Autumn Council for consideration, and that in the meantime copies be sent to union and local conference presidents and heads of institutions.

SOUTH CHINA ISLAND UNION--INGATHERING FUNDS:

VOTED, That the South China Island Union be authorized to use 1951 Ingathering funds received in the territory of the union, for the benefit of the church building in Taipeh, Formosa.

The Spring Meeting adjourned, with the benediction by W.H.Branson.

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