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FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 6, 1954, 9:30 A.M.
Polk Hall, Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, Calif.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

R R Figuhr, W R Beach, A Aeschlimann, Roger Altman, K F Ambs, G J Appel, R A Anderson, V G Anderson, V T Armstrong, W W Armstrong, David Baasch, W E Battye, C L Bauer, W H Bergherm, E A Boehm, L F Bohner, C W Bozarth, W P Bradley, T J Bradley, W H Branson, F Brennwald, N F Brewer, S A Broberg, D Lois Burnett, J A Buckwalter, Glenn Calkins, M V Campbell, G W Chambers, J E Chase, E E Cleveland, A W Cormack, J F Cummins, C H Davis, C W Degering, L K Dickson, E W Dunbar, N W Dunn, J E Edwards, H T Elliott, W P Elliott, K H Emmerson, A A Esteb, L C Evans, E Ferreira, T R Flaiz, Clyde O Franz, L E Froom, E R Gane, R Gerber, J O Gibson, C B Guild, Gil de Guzman, A L Ham, W J Harris, R H Hartwell, C B Haynes, W A Higgins, D W Hunter, G A Huse, G D King, H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser, F B Knight, T C Lawson, C W Lee, G A Lindsay, A Lorencin, E J Lorntz, T E Lucas, G M Mathews, D A McAdams, J McCartney, J L McElhany, J W McFarland, F R Millard, E L Minchin, L L Moffitt, C C Morris, H A Morrison, C E Moseley, Jr., Wilhelm Mueller, W E Murray, C H Nagele, H S Nelson, W A Nelson, J M Nerness, J J Nethery, F D Nichol, G C Nickle, R H Nightingale, M S Nigri, D A Ochs, W B Ochs, A V Olson, L H Olson, W L Pascoe, F L Peterson, E L Place, L R Rasmussen, J I Robison, E E Roenfelt, A H Roth, H L Rudy, O Schildhauer, L SchneeBauer, C A Scriven, W H Shephard, L A Skinner, J D Smith, O Schuberth, F A Soper, C P Sorensen, J R Spangler, Carl Sundin, M C Taft, W H Teesdale, Donn Thomas, J C Thompson, C L Torrey, W R Vail, G E Vandeman, F J Vocorthuis, B E Wagner, William Wagner, E R Walde, M C Warren, R S Watts, F C Webster, H B Weeks, H J Westphal, A L White, H White, R A Wilcox, W H Williams, Neal C Wilson, I J Woodman.

OTHERS PRESENT:

L E Biggs, G O Bruce, R Dedic, E E Franklin.

Prayer by J.L.McElhany.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve the following appointments and itineraries:

R.M.Whitsett to Los Angeles en route to camp meeting appointments, for closing of evangelistic effort.

Frank B.Knight to Los Angeles and return to San Francisco.

R.R.Figuhr, W.R.Beach, W.H.Branson, W.B.Ochs, C.L.Torrey, J.L.McElhany, H.T.Elliott, T.R.Flaiz, H.L.Rudy, E.E.Cossentine, to CME Board meeting in Los Angeles June 8.

E.E.Cleveland, Montgomery, Ala., for evangelistic effort, July and August and to September 15.

Carl Sundin, Portland, Seattle and Spokane, June 20-28.

R.A.Anderson, Bible Teachers' Council, La Sierra College, June 7-10, en route to Washington, D.C.

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E.J.Lorntz to Washington, D.C., en route to Mexico City.

K.J.Reynolds, L.R.Rasmussen, E.E.Cossentine, to Bible Teachers' Council, La Sierra, June 7-14.

K.J.Reynolds to N.E.A. meeting, New York, June 27-July 2.

L.R.Rasmussen to Library Bindery Association, Minneapolis, June 22-26; to Lake Union Secondary Teachers' Convention, August 25-28; Pacific Union Teachers' Convention, August 29-31; Southwestern Union Convention, August 31-September 3; North Pacific Union Education Workshop, Walla Walla, Aug.23-26.

G.M.Mathews to Canadian Union College, June 18, 19, dedication week end.

T.E.Lucas to Hawaii Junior Camp and Pathfinder staff meeting, July 21-August 16.

L.A.Skinner to the following conferences for MW camps this summer-- Anacortes, Wash., June 11-20; Southern California, June 24-27; Central Union, July 1-21; Upper Columbia, August 1-8; Oregon, August 8-15; Montana, August 15-22; and Inter-Union MW Secretaries' Council, Au Sable, Mich., Sept. 8-15.

W.B.Ochs to Kansas City, June 21,22; to Southern Publishing Association Board, Nashville, July 20; Pittsburgh church dedication, September 4; Workers' Meeting, Guthrie Center, Iowa, Sept. 13-16.

Request Central California for S.J.Demchuk to Butte, N.Dak., Russian meeting, July 2-4.

To attend Institute of Scientific Studies, Loma Linda, June 14-25-- W.H.Beaven, F.A.Soper, Dr. Ralph Waddell, W.A.Scharffenberg, H.F.Brown, Mrs. Leona Long, Sue Taylor.

Maybelle Vandermark to Chicago en route to Washington, D.C., for convention.

Ralph Waddell to North Pacific, Central, and Southwestern unions for CME Fund Raising.

L.L.Moffitt to Hawaiian Mission, fall of 1954, for Sabbath School Workshops.

W.J.Harris and Miss Louise Meyer to Pacific Union Conference, June 6-15, and to North Dakota Oct. 15-17, for Child Evangelism Workshops.

Frank H. Yost to Stroudsburg, Pa., August 6-8.

L.K.Dickson to Pasadena, June 12, preaching service.

C.L.Torrey to Toronto, June 19, church dedication.

J.A.Buckwalter, Atlantic and Columbia unions June 14-July 3, for CME Fund Raising.

T.R.Flaiz and C.L.Torrey to Porter Sanitarium, Denver, June 23.

Arthur White to Colville, Wash., from Walla Walla, en route to Washington, D.C.

E.R.Walde to Glendale for Voice of Prophecy work en route to Washington, D.C.

K.J.Reynolds and Frank L. Peterson to Oakwood Committee on Accreditation, July 19-21.

OVERSEAS APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, To approve overseas appointments as recommended by the subcommittee, as follows:

L.K.Dickson	Australasian Division	November 20-January 31, 1955
E.E.Roenfelt	" "	November-December, 1954
T.R.Flaiz	" "	February-March-April, 1955
G.A.Huse	" "	March-April, 1955
H.L.Rudy	Central European Division	November 8-20, 1954
	Northern " "	November 23-30, 1954
	Southern " "	December 1-15, 1954

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W.A.Higgins	Central European Division	August, 1954
	Southern " "	July, September, 1954
N.F.Brewer	Central " "	November 15-20, 1954
	Northern " "	November 23-December 5, 1954
	Southern " "	December 8-15, 1954
W.H.Bergherm	Central " "	August 7-16, 1954
A.L.Ham	China Division	December, 1954
	Far Eastern Division	January-March, 1955
C.W.Bozarth	China Division	December, 1954
	Far Eastern Division	January, February, 1955
E.W.Dunbar	Far " "	January, March, 1955
A.V.Olson	Inter-American Division	November-December, 1954
F.B.Knight	" "	November-December, 1954
Walter Schubert	" "	June 25-August 25, 1954
W.E.Read	" "	August, 1954
W.R.Beach	Middle East Division	November, 1954
	Southern Asia Division	December, 1954
	Northern European Division	July 26-August, 1954
J.F.Cummins	Middle East Division	November, 1954
	Southern Asia Division	December, 1954
Eric B. Hare	Middle East Division	September-October 15, 1954
	Southern Asia Division	October 20-December, 1954
F.L.Peterson	Northern European Division	July 13-September, 1954
C.L.Torrey	South American Division	December, 1954
E.E.Cossentine	" " "	September-December 6, 1954
Braulio Perez	" " "	September-October, 1954
R.R.Figuhr	Southern African Division	November-December, 1954
W.P.Bradley	" " "	November-December, 1954

INDEBTEDNESS--MEDICAL MISSIONARIES:

On recommendation of the Home and Foreign Officers, it was

VOTED, That Section 3, p. 119, of the Working Policy be revised to read:

"In the case of medical appointees whose total indebtedness, including personal indebtedness, College of Medical Evangelists deferred tuition notes and student loan notes, does not exceed \$2,000, a contingent appropriation of up to \$1,500 may be granted in order to reduce the indebtedness to \$500. The appointee shall sign notes for the amount of assistance thus given him beyond the \$500, these notes to be cancelled by the General Conference up to the first \$1,000, and by the overseas calling division up to the next \$500, at the rate of 20 per cent for each year the appointee serves in the mission field until the whole amount is cared for. (The General Conference and division amortization shall run concurrently.)

"Ordinarily no appointee shall be allowed to go to the field with a net indebtedness in excess of \$500 after receiving the assistance provided above. Exceptions may be made by the General Conference Committee with the concurrence of the Division Committee in cases of unusual experience, qualification or need in the field.

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"If the \$500 indebtedness to be carried by the medical appointee includes deferred tuition notes or student loan notes, the College of Medical Evangelists shall be authorized to send annual charges of 20 per cent of the appointee's account to the General Conference which in turn shall debit the Division concerned, and the Division the medical appointee in the field.

"Should the appointee be returned to the homeland before the indebtedness is liquidated, and employed by the denomination, the employing organization shall replace the Division and the General Conference in carrying out the terms of liquidation."

AUTOMOBILE DEPRECIATION--MISSIONARY APPOINTEES:

VOTED, That in cases where a missionary appointee has been receiving automobile depreciation from his employing organization in this country, or where he is taking a car to the mission field, automobile depreciation be allowed up to the time of his arrival in the field.

ELECTRIC MAP--LOAN TO CONFERENCES:

VOTED, To accede to the requests of the Illinois, Michigan, and Northern California conferences for the loan of the map of the world showing in electric lights the growth of the Advent Movement from its beginning until the present time.

1958 SESSION ARRANGEMENTS:

VOTED, That we approve the plan of arranging for the holding of the General Conference Session for 1958 in Cleveland, Ohio, early in June of that year, since it is not possible to secure the facilities needed for the period of May 26 to June 7.

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WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES--OBSERVER:

VOTED, That L.K.Dickson be named as the denominational observer to attend the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Ill., and that W.P.Bradley be appointed as an official visitor.

FURLOUGH POLICY:

VOTED, To adopt the recommendations of the subcommittee appointed to study furlough policies and term of service, as follows:

<u>Territory</u>	<u>For Families</u>				<u>For Single Women</u>			
	<u>First Term</u>		<u>Subsequent Terms</u>		<u>First Term</u>		<u>Subsequent Terms</u>	
	<u>Ser-</u>	<u>Fur-</u>	<u>Ser-</u>	<u>Fur-</u>	<u>Ser-</u>	<u>Fur-</u>	<u>Ser-</u>	<u>Fur-</u>
	<u>vice</u>	<u>lough</u>	<u>vice</u>	<u>lough</u>	<u>vice</u>	<u>lough</u>	<u>vice</u>	<u>lough</u>
<u>Australasian Island Fields</u>								
1. Workers from within the division:								
Malarial fields, and Samoan, Gilbert, and Ellice Islands	3	6	3	6	3	6	3	6
Other Island Fields	4	6	4	6	3½	6	4	6
2. Workers called from outside division with interim leave to Australia or New Zealand for three months:								
Malarial fields	5	12	6	12	3 3/4	12	4½	12
Non-malarial fields	6	12	7	12	4	12	5	12
<u>China (SCTUM)</u>	5	12	6	12	3 3/4	12	4½	12
<u>Far Eastern</u>								
Japan and Korea	6	12	7	12	4	12	5	12
Philippines & Malaya	4½	12	5	12	3½	12	4	12
Netherlands & East Indies	4½	12	5	12	3½	12	4	12
Far Eastern Is. Mission	3	6	3	6	3	6	3	6
Okinawa	5	12	6	12	3 3/4	12	4½	12
<u>Inter-America</u>								
All fields	4½	6	5	6	3½	6	4	6
<u>Middle East</u>								
Iraq, Upper Egypt, Aden	5	12	6	12	3 3/4	12	4½	12
All other fields in division	7	12	7	12	4	12	5	12

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Northern Europe

West Africa	2½	6	2½	6	2½	6	2½	6
Ethiopia	5	12	6	12	3 3/4	12	4½	12

South America

Argentina, Chile, Uruguay	6	9-12*	7	9-12*	4	9-12*	5	9-12*
Brazil: Parana, Santa Catarina, Rio Grande do Sul, Sao Paulo	6	9-12*	7	9-12*	4	9-12*	5	9-12*
Brazil: Rio de Janeiro and Minas Geraes	5	9-12*	6	9-12*	3 3/4	9-12*	4½	9-12*
Brazil: Goyas, Matto Grosso, Espirito Santo, Bahia, Pernambuco, Sergipe, Alagoas, Parahyba, Ceara, Piauhy, Rio Grande del Norte, Maranhao, Para, Amazonas, and Acre	4½	9-12*	5	9-12*	3½	9-12*	4	9-12*
Ecuador, Peru, & Bolivia	4½	9-12*	5	9-12*	3½	9-12*	4	9-12*
Paraguay	5	9-12*	6	9-12*	3 3/4	9-12*	4½	9-12*

*The exact length of furlough in each case will be determined by Division action.

Southern Africa

All fields	6	12	7	12	4	12	5	12
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Southern Asia

Higher Altitudes	5	12	6	12	3 3/4	12	4½	12
The Plains	4½	12	5	12	3½	12	4	12

Southern Europe

Madagascar Highland	5	9	6	9	3 3/4	9	4½	9
" Coastland	4	7	4	7	3½	7	4	7
Reunion	4	7	4	7	3½	7	4	7
Mauritius	4½	8	5	8	3½	8	4	8
Seychelles	4	7	4	7	3½	7	4	7
Angola	4½	8	5	8	3½	8	4	8
Portguese E. Africa	4½	8	5	8	3½	8	4	8
French West and Equatorial Africa	2½	6	2½	6	2½	6	2½	6
Senegal	3½	6	3½	6	3½	6	3½	6

JOHN HARTMAN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To grant permanent return for John I. Hartman from South America, since the family is not given medical clearance.

DOROTHY RUF--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To grant permanent return for Miss Dorothy Ruf of the Juliaca Clinic, as recommended by the South American Division.

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GORDON C OSGOOD--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return for Gordon C. Osgood of the Caribbean Union, as recommended by the Inter-American Division.

SIMON P ROEHL--FAR EASTERN ACADEMY:

VOTED, To request the Central Union and Kansas Conference to release Simon P. Roehl, and to invite him to respond to the call of the Far Eastern Division for him to serve as principal of the Far Eastern Academy.

B M WICKWIRE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To grant permanent return for B.M.Wickwire of the Far Eastern Division because of the educational problem which he faces in his family.

P L WILLIAMS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To grant permanent return for P.L.Williams at his request and on recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

ANNA JENSEN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To grant permanent return to Miss Anna Jensen from the Far Eastern Division, since she has completed the short term of service as a church school teacher in that field.

ADA RUTH WOOLSEY--NYANCHWA:

VOTED, To request the Southwestern Union and Arkansas-Louisiana Conference to release Miss Ada Ruth Woolsey of the Ozark Academy, and to invite her to connect with the Southern African Division as a girls' worker for Nyanchwa.

E J FOLKENBERG--SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Northern California Conference to release E.J.Folkenberg, and to appoint him Ministerial Association secretary for the Southern African Division, where he will serve also as evangelist for the Division.

R L JACOBS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To grant permanent return to R.L.Jacobs of the Inca Union, as recommended by the South American Division on his personal request.

R L JACOBS--ANTILLIAN UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to R.L.Jacobs the call from the Inter-American Division for him to serve as president of the Antillian Union.

E C CHRISTIE--MEXICAN UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to E.C.Christie the call from the Inter-American Division for him to serve as treasurer of the Mexican Union.

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E C CHRISTIE--SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, To pass on to E.C.Christie the call from the South American Division for him to serve as assistant treasurer and auditor of the Division.

D W HOLBROOK--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To grant three months' extension of furlough to D.W.Holbrook on request of the South American Division, in order for him to complete certain work at the Seminary.

ERIC RISTAU--SOUTHERN UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Review and Herald Publishing Association the call from the Southern Union for Eric Ristau to connect with the Union as Publishing Department Secretary.

D E SUHRIE--VOICE OF PROPHECY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and Florida Conference the call from the Voice of Prophecy for D.E.Suhrie of Forest Lake Academy to connect with the print shop.

J ORVILLE IVERSEN--VOICE OF PROPHECY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and Illinois Conference the call from the Voice of Prophecy for J. Orville Iversen to become announcer and field representative.

MRS. VIRGINIA KOLLMORGEN--PACIFIC PRESS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and Colorado Conference the call from the Pacific Press Publishing Association for Mrs. Virginia Kollmorgen to connect with the Mountain View office as a secretary in the periodical department.

A J JOHANSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To grant permanent return to the United States from Southern Asia for A.J.Johanson for personal reasons, as recommended by the Division.

S E WHITE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return for S.E.White of the British West Indies for educational reasons, as recommended by the Inter-American Division.

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LILLIAN WENTZ--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To grant permanent return for Miss Lillian Wentz from the South American Division at her request and on recommendation of the Division.

E J LORNTZ--MEXICAN UNION:

VOTED, To grant the request of the Inter-American Division for the services of E.J.Lorntz as president of the Mexican Union on a loan basis until November, 1954.

ROY CORNELL--REASSIGNMENT:

VOTED, To change the overseas assignment of Dr. Roy Cornell from Ethiopia to the Middle East Division for medical work in Lybia.

LAWRENCE JOERS--ETHIOPIA:

VOTED, To invite Dr. Lawrence Joers to connect with the Northern European Division as medical superintendent of the Addis Ababa Hospital in Ethiopia.

MARY NYGAARD--REASSIGNMENT:

VOTED, To change the overseas appointment of Miss Mary Nygaard from Southern Asia to the Far Eastern Division, inviting her to connect with the Penang Hospital.

A WALLENKAMPF--SWEDISH JUNIOR COLLEGE AND SEMINARY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union the call from the Northern European Division for A. Wallenkampf of Union College to become president of the Swedish Junior College and Seminary.

CHRISTIAN RECORD--REQUEST FROM NORTHERN EUROPE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Christian Record Benevolent Association the request from the Northern European Division for financial assistance in denominational work for the blind in the West African Union.

A R MAZAT--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return from the Middle East Division for A.R.Mazat on his personal request with recommendation from the Division.

MARGARET JOHNSON--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To allow furlough extension of two months to Miss Margaret Johnson of the Southern African Division.

GRACE ROBINSON--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To allow furlough extension of one month to Miss Grace Robinson of the Southern African Division.

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WALTER D MILLER--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Walter D. Miller from the appointment to service in Japan, due to unfavorable medical reports.

A J JOHANSON--BRITISH COLUMBIA:

VOTED, To pass on to A.J.Johanson, returned missionary, the call from the Canadian Union for him to connect with the British Columbia Conference as Publishing Department Secretary. He agrees to make no claim on the leave of absence policy during his residence in North America.

MISSIONARY APPOINTEES STUDYING IN FRANCE OR BELGIUM:

VOTED, To accept the recommendations of a subcommittee appointed to study problems in connection with arrangements for missionary appointees to study in France or Belgium in preparation for work in the Belgian Congo, as follows:

1. That the salary rate and daily living bonus be set by the Southern European Division for mission appointees while studying in Belgium or France.

2. That the Southern European Division be requested to arrange for monthly payment to these appointees for salary, living bonus, and other expenses against their monthly expense report while studying in Belgium or France.

3. That the General Conference arrange for these appointees to travel to Belgium or France and notify the Southern European Division as to the date and route of travel.

a. For the appointees studying in Belgium the Southern European Division will pass word on to Agence Maritime Internationale in Brussels who will arrange to meet the worker and arrange temporary housing until the Belgian Conference can assist them with permanent living quarters.

4. That the rent expense while studying will be a reportable item in full.

5. That when mission appointees are cleared to proceed to France or Belgium the Congo Union Mission be asked to make arrangements with the language school.

NEWBOLD MISSIONARY COLLEGE--AFFILIATION PLANS:

VOTED, To request the chair to appoint a committee to consider the plans of the Northern European Division for affiliation of Newbold Missionary College with a college in the North American Division. Committee named: C.L.Torrey, W.R.Beach, E.E.Cossentine, A.V.Olson, W.P.Bradley, E.E.Roenfelt.

CIVIL DEFENSE--NATIONAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION:

VOTED, That the National Service Organization be given the responsibility of the denominational Civil Defense program in overseas divisions as well as in North America.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--TAPE RECORDINGS:

VOTED, That the tape recordings of the General Conference Session be held for decision of the subcommittee in Washington as to their disposal.

CANADIAN SIGNS OF THE TIMES--DISCONTINUANCE:

VOTED, To approve the plan of the Canadian Union and Kingsway Publishing Association to discontinue publication of the Canadian Signs of the Times.

CAMP MEETING APPOINTMENTS 1954:

VOTED, To approve the schedule of camp-meeting appointments for 1954 to the end of July, and to give further study to the later appointments.

ATLANTIC UNION

Southern New England, South Lancaster, Mass., July 9-17

N.F.Brewer	July 11-17	Henry Brown	July 9-12
W.B.Ochs	" 9-14	S.A.Kaplan	" 15-17
E.R.Walde	" 14-17	Faith for Today	" 16,17
B.P.Wendell (Miss'y)	" 9-15	A.V.Olson	" 9-15

New York, Union Springs, N.Y., July 16-25

N.F.Brewer	July 18-25	B.P.Wendell (Miss'y)	July 16-20
W.B.Ochs	" 16,17	H.F.Brown	2 days
E.R.Walde	" 19-21	Faith for Today	" 23
S.A.Kaplan	" 18-20		

Greater New York, Eagle Lake Park, N.Y., July 16-25

A.V.Olson	July 16-25	E.R.Walde	July 23,24
B.P.Wendell (Miss'y)	" 21-24	F.A.Pratt	" 16-20
W.A.Scharffenberg	" 22-25	D.Kassahun	" 16-18
A.A.Esteb	" 21-25	Wesley Amundsen	" 16-25

Northern New England, West Lebanon, N.H., July 23,24

T.L.Oswald	July 23,24
T.E.Lucas	

CANADIAN UNION

Ontario-Quebec, Oshawa, Ontario, June 24-July 4

A.V.Olson	June 24-July 4	C.R.Coffey	June 24-July 4
Phillip Knox	" 24- " 4	R.J.Christian	
T.L.Oswald	" 24- " 4	Geo. Adams (Miss'y)	" 24- " 4
J.E.Chase	" 24-30		

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Manitoba-Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, July 1-10

Roger Altman	July 1-10	Phillip Knox	July 6-10
H.L.Rudy	" 1-6	O.J.Ziprick	" 1-7
J.E.Chase	" 1-5	N.Ilchuk	" 1-10
Geo. Adams (Miss'y)	" 6-10		
Clear Lake:	July 15-18		
Geo. Adams (Miss'y)			
Ukrainian:	July 28-Aug. 1		
N. Ilchuk			

Alberta, Lacombe, July 8-17

Roger Altman	July 12-17	W.J.Harris	July 8-12
H.L.Rudy	" 8-12	Harold Beavon (M'y)	" 8-11
R.J.Christian	Time Arranged	V.T.Armstrong	" 15-17
O.J.Ziprick	July 8-17	W.H.Beaven	" 11-13
Peace River:			
O.J.Ziprick			

British Columbia, Hope, July 15-24

Roger Altman	July 19-24	Harold Beavon (M'y)	July 16-24
H.L.Rudy	" 15-20	V.T.Armstrong	" 23,24
W.J.Harris	" 15-21		
J.A.Buckwalter	" 16-19		

CENTRAL UNION

Wyoming, Casper, July 22-25

R.M.Whitsett
T.R.Torkelson (M'y) July 22-25

COLUMBIA UNION

Allegheny, Pine Forge, July 1-11

F.A.Soper	July 8	H.W.Kibble	Time Arranged
R.W.Simons (M'y)	" 1-4	G.E.Peters	July 1-6
C.E.Moseley	Time Arranged	F.L.Peterson	" 1-4

East Pennsylvania, Reading, July 1-11

T.H.Jemison	July 1-10	C.R.Holford (M'y)	July 1-5
L.L.Moffitt	" 1-11	W.R.Beach	" 2,3
D.L.Delafield	" 8-11	F.A.Soper	" 9,10

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New Jersey, Kingston, July 23-Aug. 1

W.P. Bradley	July 28-Aug. 1	W.H. Beaven	July 29, 30
E.R. Walde	" 27, 28	R.H. Pierson	" 22-26
S.A. Kaplan	" 26-28	C.R. Holford (M'y)	" 23-Aug. 1

Ohio, Mt. Vernon, July 1-11

L.K. Dickson	July 1-4	Faith for Today	July 9, 10
D.A. Delafield	" 1-4	D.E. Rebok	" 1-11
W.A. Scharffenberg	" 4	C.R. Holford (M'y)	" 6-11
Voice of Prophecy	" 4, 5	G. de Guzman (M'y)	" 1-6
Cecil Coffey	" 8-10		

West Pennsylvania, Somerset, July 22-Aug. 1

W.E. Read	July 22-Aug. 1	S.A. Kaplan	July 29, 30
E.R. Walde	" 30- " 1	Faith for Today	" 23, 24
W.H. Beaven	" 31- " 1	R.H. Pierson	" 27-Aug. 1

West Virginia

Regional Meetings:
 Charleston, July 2-4
 Cumberland, July 9-11
 Clarksburg, July 30, 31
 Parkersburg, Constituency Meeting, Aug. 6-8

LAKE UNION

Illinois, Broadview, July 2-10

R.M. Whitsett	July 2-7	W.A. Scharffenberg	July 3
J.A. Buckwalter	" 7-10	Voice of Prophecy	" 2, 3
D.A. Delafield	" 5-7	D.W. Hunter (M'y)	" 2-5
S.A. Kaplan	" 5-7	L.H. Olson	" 4-10
		A.S. Maxwell	" 9, 10

Indiana, Cicero, June 24-July 3

R.M. Whitsett	June 24-July 1	Voice of Prophecy	June 29, 30
N.F. Brewer	" 24- " 3	Faith for Today	June 28
L.H. Olson (M'y)	" 30- " 3	R.H. Pierson	" 26-July 3

Michigan, Upper Peninsula, June 24-27

E.E. Cossentine	June 24-27
Faith for Today	" 25, 26
K.F. Ambs (Miss'y)	" 24-27

NORTHERN UNION

South Dakota, Huron, June 18-26

A.V. Olson	June 18-22	Voice of Prophecy	June 25, 26
R.H. Pierson	" 18-26	L.H. Olson (Miss'y)	" 18-22

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Minnesota, Anoka, July 1-10

W.E.Read	July 2-10	T.R.Torkelson (Miss'y)	July 2-10
Dr. Wayne McFarland	" 2-10	A.A.Esteb	" 7-10
W.P.Bradley	" 1-10	D.A.Delafield	
F.A.Soper	" 3,4	R.E.Finney	
		A.L.Ham	" 1-6

North Dakota, Jamestown, July 15-24

W.P.Bradley	July 15-24	T.R.Torkelson (Miss'y)	July 15-21
W.H.Beaven	" 15-17	German Worker	

NORTH PACIFIC UNION

Upper Columbia, RegionalWalla Walla:

W.J.Harris	June 17-20
R.M.Whitsett	" 17-20
O.W.Lange (Miss'y)	" 17-20

Yakima:

J.J.Aitken (Miss'y)	June 11-13
Geo. Nickle "	" "
R.H.Nightingale	" 11-13

Spokane:

H.L.Rudy	June 25-27
L.L.Moffitt	" "
V.T.Armstrong	" 25-27

Idaho, Caldwell, June 17-26

A.L.Ham	June 17-22	Voice of Prophecy	June 22,23
W.J.Harris	" 23-26	R.M.Whitsett	" 21-26
O.W.Lange (Miss'y)	" 21-26		

Montana, Bozeman, July 2-10

W.J.Harris	July 2-5	O.W.Lange (Miss'y)	July 2-10
W.H.Beaven	" 6-10	Carl Sundin	
W.R.Vail (Miss'y)	" 2-10		

Oregon, Gladstone, July 22-31

W.J.Harris	July 22-31	Evangelist	
J.A.Buckwalter	" 23-26	L.K.Dickson	July 22-29
O.W.Lange (Miss'y)	" 22-31	J.L.McElhany	" 27-31

Washington, Auburn, July 2-10 (night meetings only and week ends)

W.H.Beaven	July 2-4
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PACIFIC UNION

Southern California, Lynwood, June 17-27 (Evening meetings and Sabbath)

Voice of Prophecy	June 18,19	L.A.Skinner	June 24-27
D.S.Johnson (Miss'y)	" 19,26	D.W.Hunter (Miss'y)	" 26
Walter Schubert	" 18-27		

Southeastern California, District Meetings

Loma Linda: June 9-13
 G.E.Vandeman
 L.H.Olson (Miss'y)
 N.F.Brewer
 W.H.Beaven

La Sierra: June 16-20
 N.F.Brewer
 W.H.Beaven
 Missionary

SOUTHERN UNION

South Atlantic, Hawthorne, Fla., July 1-10

C.E.Moseley	July 1-4	R.W.Simons (Miss'y)	July 6-10
Faith for Today	" 6	W.W.Fordham	Time Arranged

Florida, Forest Lake Academy, Maitland, Fla., July 1-11

W.B.Ochs	July 1-3	K.F.Ambs (Miss'y)	July 1-11
Faith for Today	" 7	Cecil Coffey	Time Arranged

Carolina, District Meetings

Fletcher: July 21-25
 Phillip Knox

Asheboro: July 28-Aug. 1
 Phillip Knox

Statesville: July 11
 Constituency Meeting
 H.T.Elliott

SOUTHWESTERN UNION

Southwest Region, Tyler, Texas, June 16-19

W.E.Read	June 16-19
F.L.Peterson	" 16-19

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Texas, Keene, June 24-July 3

B.L.Hassenpflug	June 24-28	G.C.Nickle (Miss'y)	June 24-July 3
Faith for Today	July 2,3	H.F.Brown	" 28- " 3

Arkansas-Louisiana, Shreveport, La., June 30-July 3

Faith for Today	July 1
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QUALIFICATIONS FOR ORDINATION:

VOTED, To request the General Conference officers to appoint a committee to give study to requirements for ordination, with a view to presenting a report or recommendations to the 1954 Autumn Council.

Adjourned.

Prayer by C.L.Torrey.

R.R.Figuhr, Chairman

W.R.Beach, Secretary

Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 17, 1954

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W B Ochs, J I Robison, R H Adair, H W Barrows, W H Bergherm, C E Guenther,
E B Hare, G A Huse, Louise C Kleuser, H W Lowe, C E Moseley, F D Nichol,
C L Torrey

OTHERS PRESENT:

T H Jemison, Frederick Lee

Prayer by W.H.Bergherm.

HOWARD MAXSON--COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union Conference and the New England Sanitarium the call from the College of Medical Evangelists for Howard Maxson to connect with the Los Angeles Division as assistant professor in the Department of Religion.

EXCHANGE OF WORKERS--RESCINDING ACTION OF FEBRUARY 25:

VOTED, That inasmuch as the exchange cannot be worked out, the action of February 25 calling for an exchange of workers, involving J.G.Slate, D.A.Cone, and W.H.Raley, be rescinded.

CAMP MEETING APPOINTMENTS--RELEASES:

VOTED, That the following persons be released from the specified camp meeting appointments: R.H.Pierson from the Florida camp meeting; W.P.Bradley from the Texas camp meeting.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

V. T. Armstrong to Regional Meeting, Spokane, Wash., June 25-27.
Carl Sundin to Montana camp meeting on return from Spokane.
B. E. Wagner to Student Colporteur Rallies in Southern Union: Carolina, June 24-27; Alabama-Mississippi, July 1-4.

Adjourned.

W. B. Ochs, Chairman
J. I. Robison, Secretary
Marjorie Marsh, Recording Secretary,
pro tem.

THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 24, 1954

MEMBERS PRESENT:

R R Figuhr, W P Bradley, R H Adair, Roger Altman, Wesley Amundsen,
 R A Anderson, H W Barrows, W R Beach, W A Benjamin, W H Bergherm,
 E A Boehm, W H Branson, D Lois Burnett, G W Chambers, E E Cleveland,
 E D Dick, E W Dunbar, N W Dunn, H T Elliott, E B Hare, W A Higgins,
 G A Huse, H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser, H W Lowe, T E Lucas, D A McAdams,
 H A Morrison, F D Nichol, W B Ochs, T L Oswald, W E Phillips, D E Rebok,
 J I Robison, J C Thompson, B E Wagner, R S Watts

OTHERS PRESENT:

S A Kaplan

Prayer by R.S.Watts.

E N DICK--RESIDENCE:

VOTED, To grant the request of E.N.Dick that he be permitted to continue making Lincoln, Nebr., his place of residence.

OVERSEAS VISITS:

VOTED, To approve arrangements for overseas visits as follows:

G.W.Chambers to Northern and Central Europe, August, 1954.

W.H.Bergherm to Northern Europe, August, 1954.

E.W.Dunbar to Northern Europe, July and August, 1954.

E.N.Dick to Inter-America, mid-July, 1954, to travel by air.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

VOTED, To appoint for the current quadrennial term the following committees:

Historical Research.--W.E.Read, chairman; L.E.Froom, S.H.Horn, Julia Neuffer, D.E.Rebok, W.H.Teesdale, M.R.Thurber, L.H.Wood, F.H.Yost.

Defense Literature.--W.E.Read, chairman; E.D.Dick, W.R.Beach, L.E.Froom, A.L.Ham, O.A.Blake, G.A.Huse, H.W.Lowe, E.W.Dunbar, J.W.McFarland, W.G.C.Murdoch, F.D.Nichol, T.L.Oswald, D.E.Rebok, A.L.White, J.I.Robison, F.H.Yost, R.A.Anderson.

Biblical Study and Research.--W.E.Read, chairman; R.A.Anderson, Roger Altman, W.R.Beach, R.F.Cottrell, T.G.Bunch, E.D.Dick, L.K.Dickson, L.E.Froom, S.H.Horn, T.H.Jemison, Frederick Lee, R.E.Loasby, H.W.Lowe, F.D.Nichol, D.E.Rebok, W.G.C.Murdoch, J.I.Robison, D.F.Neufeld, M.R.Thurber, F.H.Yost.

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COMMITTEES:

VOTED, To appoint the following committees:

Editorial for Revision of Working Policy.--J.I. Robison, Roger Altman, Frank B. Knight. (This committee is to collect revisions already made and to make arrangements for publication of new edition of the Working Policy.)

Qualifications for Ordination.--A.V. Olson, chairman; L.K. Dickson, R.A. Anderson, W.R. Beach, R.R. Figuhr, W.B. Ochs, W.H. Branson, F.L. Peterson, D.A. Ochs, V.G. Anderson, C.J. Coon.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments as follows:

Wesley Amundsen to Chicago, June 28,29, Friends of the Land Convention.
 R. Ruhling to North Dakota camp meeting, July 15-24.
 W.H. Bergherm to Grand Ledge in July.
 G.W. Chambers to Grand Ledge, Mich., and Portland, Oreg., July.
 K.J. Reynolds to Pacific Union College en route to Washington, D.C.,
 June 20-22.
 A.L. Ham, Minnesota camp meeting July 1-4; Florida camp meeting July 6-11.

KARL BAHR--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That in harmony with the request of the Far Eastern Division Karl Bahr be placed under deferred appointment, the time of his proceeding to the field and the definite appointment to be determined later.

REUBEN WANGERIN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return for Reuben Wangerin on his personal request and as approved by the Southern African Division, and that the Committee on Allowances be requested to arrange financial settlement with him.

BARBARA McDONALD--BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To invite Miss Barbara McDonald of Pacific Union College to connect with the nursing staff of the Bella Vista Hospital in Puerto Rico.

NAOMI CHAPMAN--BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To invite Miss Naomi Chapman of Pacific Union College to connect with the nursing staff of the Bella Vista Hospital in Puerto Rico.

COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS--PERMISSION TO BORROW:

VOTED, To approve the action taken by the available members of the General Conference Committee meeting in Los Angeles June 8, 1954, as follows:

"VOTED, To approve the plan of the College of Medical Evangelists Board to complete work on the construction project calling for \$1,706,913.00; that the College of Medical Evangelists be authorized to borrow up to \$500,000 against Alumni pledges, and that the Alumni be encouraged to pay their pledges

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as rapidly as possible so as to reduce the amount of borrowing to a minimum; and that we review the progress of the work and the plan at the coming Autumn Council."

E L MINCHIN--TRAVEL EXPENSE:

VOTED, 1. That arrangements be made for E.L.Minchin to return to England to care for the shipment of his goods to America; and

2. That the General Conference share equally with the Northern European Division in meeting the travel expense of Elder and Mrs. E.L.Minchin for the three months' leave of absence to Australasia during 1954 as arranged for them by the Division previous to his election as associate secretary of the General Conference YPMV Department.

GENERAL CONFERENCE WORKERS--RETIREMENT:

VOTED, That the following General Conference workers be retired from active service, and that they be recommended to the Sustentation Committee for favorable consideration, arranging for them to receive six months' salary with allowances as from July 1, 1954, and that beginning January 1, 1955 their sustentation be subsidized to the extent of full salary for six months: A.W.Cormack, J.R.Ferren, E.E.Franklin, C.B.Haynes, H.H.Votaw.

W H WILLIAMS--RETIREMENT:

VOTED, That W.H.Williams be invited to remain with the Treasury Department until December 31, 1954, and that he be retired with six months' salary and allowances as from January 1, 1955, with his sustentation subsidized to full salary for six months as from July 1, 1955.

MARY ELAM--FAITH FOR TODAY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and Kentucky-Tennessee Conference the call from Faith for Today for Miss Mary Elam of Highland Academy to join the staff as a secretary.

JAMES CHAMBERS--COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and Atlantic Union College the call from the College of Medical Evangelists for James Chambers to connect with the Department of Biochemistry at Loma Linda.

MERARDO LEON--NORTHERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, That we concur in the arrangements that have been worked out by the Northern California Conference and the South American Division for the temporary employment of Merardo Leon, details of which are given in the letter of June 18, 1954 from F.W.Schnepper, secretary-treasurer of the Pacific Union Conference.

Adjourned. Prayer by R.A.Anderson.

R.R.Figuhr, Chairman
W.P.Bradley, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

Glendale California

June 18, 1954

Elder H. T. Elliott
General Conference, SDA
Takoma Park, Washington 12, D.C.

Dear Elder Elliott:

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You undoubtedly are acquainted with the case of Elder Merardo Leon from the Austral Union in South America who is currently in the United States for the express purpose of educating his family in this country. He has been desirous of securing denominational employment for a period of four or five years while he is doing this.

Elder Carl Becker has given sympathetic consideration to his problem and had a talk with Elder Figuhr about the man and as I understand it, Elder Figuhr strongly encouraged Elder Becker to do anything he could to help him.

When the matter came up on the Northern California Conference committee, it seemed to some of us that if he were given employment, it ought to be on a leave of absence basis from the South American Division and with the distinct understanding that the Northern California Conference was not assuming the responsibility for his future, but were quite willing to give him employment for a period of time while he carried out his plans in the education of his family.

The Northern California Conference also wished it clearly understood by all concerned that they were employing him as of the United States and were assuming no responsibility toward his transportation to the United States or for return transportation to South America. We asked for a statement from the South American Division regarding his leave of absence, and it is apparent from their statement that they also are not assuming any responsibility towards his traveling expenses. It is my understanding that Brother Leon clearly understands all this and that the arrangements are entirely agreeable to him.

The Northern California Conference has spread on their minutes the following letter from the brethren in South America, along with their action to invite Brother Leon to connect with the Northern California Conference as a worker for the Spanish speaking people:

"Elder C. Becker
President of the Northern California Conference

"Dear Elder Becker:

"By this letter I want to inform you that Elder Merardo Leon is a worker of the Austral Union. On his request and with the purpose of giving his children favorable educational facilities in the United States, our Committee gave him a leave of absence from 2 to 5 years without financial responsibility on our part, either as concerns salary or traveling expense.

Letter from Pacific Union to H T Elliott
Dated June 18, 1954

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"We would be agreeable if some organization would give him employment for such a time as may be convenient for the employing organization with the understanding that the Austral Union will continue to consider him as one of its workers in harmony with the terms of the action of our committee.

"Thanking you for all you will be able to do for Elder Leon, I remain

"Sincerely yours,

"A. Aeschlimann (Signed)
President of the Austral Union"

"Countersigned:
W. E. Murray
President of the South American Division"

"VOTED, That in harmony with the above letter, we authorize the President to place a call for Brother Leon to connect with the Northern California Conference as a worker for the Spanish speaking people in the Bay Area."

They are employing him with the distinct understanding that will be only for a period of from two to five years as things may be worked out.

Now, we hardly knew if this sort of an arrangement required a call through the regular channels, but if so, this letter may be regarded as such a call. The brethren are quite willing to use Brother Leon's services, and thus help him meet his objectives, but they want the matter clearly understood by all concerned so that it might not lead into any future difficulties. It seems that trying to help some of these Nationals of other countries in their objectives sometimes gets us into perplexity, so if the brethren there in Washington have any counsel or advice for us in this case, feel free to pass it along.

Very sincerely,

[SIGNED] F. W. SCHNEPPER
Secretary-Treasurer
Pacific Union Conference

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