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TENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 5, 1954

MEMBERS PRESENT:

H L Rudy, W P Bradley, Roger Altman, R A Anderson, W H Beaven, W H Branson, N F Brewer, D Lois Burnett, E E Cossentine, E D Dick, H T Elliott, T R Flaiz, C E Guenther, A W Johnson, E J Lorntz, H W Lowe, John McCartney, L L Moffitt, H A Morrison, H S Nelson, F D Nichol, K J Reynolds, F A Soper, W H Teesdale, B E Wagner, W H Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

T H Jemison, S A Kaplan, R Ruhling.

Prayer by S.A.Kaplan.

MINUTES of the meetings of July 29 and 30 were approved.

GRADUATE STUDY FOR PROFESSIONAL NURSES:

VOTED, That the officers be asked to appoint a committee, in counsel with the secretaries of the Medical Department, to give study to the formulation of a financial policy for graduate study for professional nurses, this committee to report to the 1954 Autumn Council.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

W A Scharffenberg, August 7,8, Kentucky-Tennessee camp meeting instead of W H Beaven; New Orleans for conference with Dr. Ochsner; August 14-17, attendance at International Congress on Mental Health, Toronto (between attendance at Michigan and Wisconsin camp meetings)

W H Beaven, St. Louis, August 17, in interests of tobacco film (is attending camp meetings in the Southern Union at this time)

D W Hunter, August 5-7, Youth Congress, Michigan; and a week at the Senior Youth Camp, Au Sable, following camp meeting (is attending Michigan and Wisconsin camp meetings)

Theodore Lucas, August 26-28, Junior Camp, Indiana, en route home from Hawaii

R A Anderson, Evanston, Illinois, August 15-30, World Council of Churches Assembly

R R Figuhr and W B Ochs, Kansas City, and to Missouri camp meeting, August 18-23

H L Rudy, Georgia-Cumberland camp meeting, August 19-23

A W Johnson to Anchorage, Alaska, via San Francisco, re enforcement of Green River Ordinance, as soon as possible

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ANCHORAGE COURT CASE:

VOTED, To authorize the initiation of a court case in connection with the Green River Ordinance in Anchorage, Alaska, should this be found advisable by A.W.Johnson in counsel with the Alaska Mission and North Pacific Union Conference officials.

SEMINARY CLASSES--TEACHERS:

VOTED, To grant the request of the Theological Seminary that D.E.Rebok, J.I.Robison, and Roger Altman be authorized to teach classes during the 1954 autumn term.

MRS. H E KURTZ--SERVICEMEN'S CONGRESS:

VOTED, To authorize meeting the expense of attendance at the Servicemen's Congress in Berchtesgarden for Mrs. H.E.Kurtz in view of her assistance in connection with the congress.

VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

VOTED, To approve visits to overseas fields as follows:

E.B.Hare, revised schedule: Middle East, August 27-October 14, 1954; Southern Asia, October 15-January 31, 1955.

T.R.Flaiiz, Central Europe, November, 1954 en route to Middle East; Middle East (Iraq), November 23-30, 1954; Northern Europe (Ethiopia), December, 1954.

K.J.Reynolds, Middle East, 2 months, October-November, 1954.

J.F.Cummins, Israel, January, 1955, en route home from Southern Asia.

P L WILLIAMS--RELEASED:

VOTED, That P.L.Williams be released from the invitation to serve as treasurer of the South China Island Union Mission.

G O BRUCE--SCIUM:

VOTED, To rescind Committee action of July 29 changing the appointment of G.O.Bruce from the South China Island Union Mission to the Japan Union Mission, reaffirming his appointment as treasurer of the South China Island Union Mission.

O J POGUE--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, To place O.J.Pogue, M.D., under deferred appointment to mission service, the exact location to be determined later.

ERNEST ELTZ--SAO PAULO CLINIC:

VOTED, To invite Ernest Eltz, senior student in physiotherapy at the College of Medical Evangelists, to connect with the Sao Paulo Clinic in Brazil as director of the Hydrotherapy Department.

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LILLIAN WENTZ--SAO PAULO CLINIC:

VOTED, To invite Miss Lillian Wentz, fiancée of Ernest Eltz, to return to Brazil for part time nursing service in the Sao Paulo Clinic.

VIRGIL BEAUCHAMP--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return for Virgil Beauchamp on recommendation of the Inter-American Division, for health reasons.

RAYMOND ERMSHAR--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return for Raymond Ermshar, M.D., from Brazil as recommended by the South American Division.

DONALD AND NANCY WEBER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return to the United States, for educational purposes, on the basis of the regular allowance of travel expense by the shortest route, for Donald and Nancy Weber, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Weber of the Uruguay Academy.

B J PENNER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return for B.J. Penner of the South American Division office, recommended by the Division because of the health situation in the family.

WILLIAM FITCH--MARACAIBO SCHOOL:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and Illinois Conference to release William Fitch, and to invite him to connect with the Colombia-Venezuela Union Mission as a second teacher for the Maracaibo School.

R E PARKS--MOUNTAIN PROVINCE MISSION:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union and Upper Columbia Conference to release R.E. Parks, and to pass on to him the call from the Far Eastern Division for him to become director of the Mountain Province Mission of the North Philippine Union Mission.

BRUCE LEE--FAR EASTERN ACADEMY:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and Michigan Conference to release Bruce Lee of the Battle Creek Academy, and to invite him to respond to the call from the Far Eastern Division for him to serve as principal and science teacher of the Far Eastern Academy in Singapore.

N L DOSS--TEKERANI MISSION:

VOTED, To request the Northern Union and North Dakota Conference to release N.L. Doss, and to invite him to connect with the Southeast African Union Mission as director of the Tekerani Mission Station.

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A W ROBINSON--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To approve granting of two months' extension of furlough to A.W.Robinson as recommended by the Southern Asia Division.

LOUISE LEEPER--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Miss Louise Leeper from the appointment to Nyanchwa, for health reasons.

Adjourned. Prayer by T.H.Jemison.

H.L.Rudy, Chairman
W.P.Bradley, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

ELEVENTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 12, 1954

MEMBERS PRESENT:

R R Figuhr, W P Bradley, Roger Altman, R A Anderson, W A Benjamin,
N F Brewer, H F Brown, D Lois Burnett, E D Dick, H T Elliott, A A
Esteb, T R Flaiz, C E Guenther, H W Klaser, F B Knight, H A Morrison,
H S Nelson, L R Rasmussen, J I Robison, H L Rudy, A H Rulkoetter,
O Schuberth, F A Soper, B E Wagner, Howard Weeks, W H Williams,
F H Yost.

OTHERS PRESENT:

T H Jemison, R Ruhling.

Prayer by O. Schuberth.

MINUTES of the meeting of August 5 were approved.

HAROLD LICKEY--UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to Faith for Today the call from the Central Union for Harold Lickey to join the faculty of Union College as teacher of voice.

R M KRANZ--BRITISH UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division the call from the Northern European Division for R.M.Kranz to connect with the British Union as a member of the staff of the London evangelistic center.

ENOLA DAVIS--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To approve extension of furlough to September, 1955, for Miss Enola Davis, in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division and their plan for her to secure her master's degree.

DERRELL K SMITH--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Derrell K. Smith from the appointment to Formosa, in harmony with his request.

BRUCE LEE--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Bruce Lee from the appointment to the Far Eastern Academy.

O J POGUE--WASHINGTON SANITARIUM:

VOTED, That we join the Washington Sanitarium in an invitation to Dr. O.J.Pogue, under deferred appointment for missionary service, to connect with that institution temporarily, the General Conference to pay his moving expense

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from North Dakota and the Washington Sanitarium to furnish his salary; and that Doctor Pogue be authorized to secure Canadian qualifications for practice in British territories.

CALEB CHU--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Dr. Caleb Chu from the appointment to Formosa for medical missionary work, at his request.

COMMITTEE ON CIVIL DEFENSE--PERSONNEL CHANGES:

VOTED, 1. That T.L.Oswald be released from membership on the Committee on Civil Defense.

2. That C.E.Guenther and Maybelle Vandermark be appointed members of this committee.

E J LORNTZ--LOAN OF SERVICES:

VOTED, To extend the time of the loan of the services of E.J.Lorntz to the Inter-American Division as acting president of the Mexican Union, to the time of the Division Winter Council.

EMPEROR OF ETHIOPIA--ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the \$5,856.34 expense at the Glendale Sanitarium for the entertainment of Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia, be taken from the Contingency Fund.

L R DOWNING--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, On request of the Northern European Division, that sponsorship be authorized for L.R.Downing to enable the family to spend their furlough from West Africa in this country.

SERVICEMEN'S LITERATURE OFFERING:

VOTED, That the action of July 30, 1953, on division of the offering for servicemen's literature, be rescinded, and that the funds accruing from this offering be held in one account to be disbursed at the direction of the newly formed National Service Organization.

INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION--HEADQUARTERS:

VOTED, To approve the plan of the Inter-American Division to dispose of the present headquarters site and to purchase property in Coral Gables on which to erect a headquarters office building.

J NUSSBAUM--UNITED NATIONS SESSION:

VOTED, That the Southern European Division be requested to arrange for Dr. J.Nussbaum to be in New York City during the time of the Session of the United Nations which convenes in late September, 1954.

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

- F.H.Yost, religious liberty meeting in Evanston, Ill., August 20.
 T.H.Jemison, Madison College, Spirit of Prophecy Week, Jan. 10-15.
 Carl Sundin, American Public Health Convention, Buffalo, N.Y., Oct. 11-14; Atlantic Union College, Oct. 15-17; Southern Missionary College, Oct. 29-Nov. 1; SDA Dentists' meeting, Miami, Nov.5-7.
 L.R.Rasmussen, Columbia Union inspection tour, Nov. 1-20.
 G.M.Mathews, Ohio Conference educational institute, Aug. 30-Sept. 2; Southern Union institutes, Sept. 3-5 and Nov. 1-20.
 A.V.Olson, National Service Organization Secretaries' meeting, San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 29-Oct. 2.
 C.E.Guenther, Georgia-Cumberland Conference Dorcas Federation meetings, Nov. 5-14.
 A.A.Esteb, Lake Union Conference, Sept. 16-Oct. 16.
 R.J.Borrowdale, Redwood District meeting, Northern California, Aug.25-29.
 R.R.Figuhr, T.R.Flair, E.E.Cossentine, CME, meeting with faculty and board, August 15.
 Ben Glanzer, Miami for one month from September 12, song leader in evangelistic effort.
 W.B.Ochs, C.L.Torrey, H.T.Elliott, E.E.Cossentine, Lincoln, Nebraska and Keene, Texas for special meetings, dates to be arranged.
 Howard Weeks, Evanston, Ill., World Council of Churches.

Adjourned. Prayer by A.H.Rulkoetter.

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

TWELFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 13, 1954

MEMBERS PRESENT:

R R Figuhr, W P Bradley, Roger Altman, R A Anderson, O A Blake, N F Brewer, D Lois Burnett, H T Elliott, A A Esteb, T R Flaiz, H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser, G M Mathews, John McCartney, K J Reynolds, H L Rudy, A H Rulkoetter, B E Wagner, W H Williams

The meeting was called immediately following the morning worship period.

STANLEY ROBISON--FAR EASTERN ACADEMY:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and Indiana Conference to release Stanley Robison of the Indiana Academy, and to invite him to respond to the call of the Far Eastern Division for a principal for the Far Eastern Academy in Singapore.

MINISTRY--EDITORIAL STAFF:

VOTED, To appoint the following editorial staff for the Ministry; Editor, R.A.Anderson; Associate Editors, R.R.Figuhr, A.V.Olson, Louise C. Kleuser, G.E.Vandeman, Walter Schubert, E.E.Cleveland; Office Editor, Ben Glanzer.

H P EVENS--TEXICO:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Publishing Association the call from the Southwestern Union for H.P.Evens to become secretary-treasurer of the Texico Conference.

E A MOON--SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to E.A.Moon, returned missionary, the call from the Southern Publishing Association for him to serve as general manager.

Adjourned.

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

THIRTEENTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 17, 1954

MEMBERS PRESENT:

H L Rudy, H T Elliott, Roger Altman, H W Barrows, O A Blake, C W Bozarth, N F Brewer, J A Buckwalter, E D Dick, H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser, H W Lowe, G M Mathews, John McCartney, J I Robison, F A Soper, B E Wagner.

The meeting was called following the morning worship.

W I SMITH--NEWBOLD MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To invite W.I. Smith to respond to the call of the Northern European Division for him to serve as president of Newbold Missionary College for the coming school year.

AUTUMN COUNCIL--SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

A schedule of meetings for committees to be held prior to the Autumn Council was adopted as follows:

October 13-15	General Conference Officers
" 14-15	Sabbath School Department Advisory Committee
" 17 (to 5:30 p.m.)	Temperance Secretaries' Council
" 17	Union Conference Presidents
" 17 (7:30 p.m.) - 21	Home Missionary Department Advisory Council
" 18-20	Committee on Denominational Wages
" 18-21	Department of Education Advisory Committee Missionary Volunteer Department Advisory Committee Publishing Department Advisory Committee
" 21, a.m.	CME Fund Raising Committee
To be arranged	Association of Self-Supporting Institutions

AUTUMN COUNCIL--INVITATIONS:

VOTED, That the following be invited to attend the Autumn Council which is to convene October 21-28:

North American Local Conference Presidents
" " Union Conference Treasurers
" " Presidents of Senior and Junior Colleges
One representative from each North American sanitarium, to be selected by the board
Publishing house representatives as may be designated by the respective boards

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Union Conference Negro Evangelists in North America

Missionaries on furlough as designated by the employing divisions

Members of Department advisory committees who may be authorized by their employing organizations to remain

Those named to special committees called to meet prior to the Council and to report at that time

Four representatives from the Theological Seminary in addition to the president, these to be designated by the board

A.A.Jasperson, C.S.Longacre, J.A.Stevens, R.Ruhling, L.A.Senseman, Clyde Harris, W.A.Fagal, T.H.Jemison, G.T.Chapman

Adjourned.

H.L.Rudy, Chairman

H.T.Elliott, Secretary

Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

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FOURTEENTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 19, 1954

MEMBERS PRESENT:

A V Olson, H T Elliott, Roger Altman, H W Barrows, W H Beaven, W A Benjamin, O A Blake, N F Brewer, J A Buckwalter, D Lois Burnett, E D Dick, A A Esteb, C E Guenther, W J Harris, H W Klaser, F B Knight, H W Lowe, G M Mathews, L L Moffitt, H A Morrison, C E Moseley, H S Nelson, T L Oswald, D E Rebok, K J Reynolds, J I Robison, A H Rulkoetter, F A Soper, B E Wagner

OTHERS PRESENT:

T H Jemison, R Ruhling.

Prayer by D.E.Rebok.

MINUTES for meetings of August 12, 13, and 19 were approved.

J D REPLOGLE--SUSTENTATION:

VOTED, That J.D.Replogle be recommended to the Sustentation Committee for consideration as of August 1, 1954.

KENNETH H EMMERSON--MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS:

VOTED, To grant ministerial credentials to Kenneth H.Emmerson for one year.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE--SPECIAL APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, To authorize a special appropriation of \$5,900.00 from the General Conference Contingency Fund to Oakwood College, as recommended by the committee which recently visited that institution.

BANK SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION--FAITH FOR TODAY:

VOTED, That we rescind our action of July 15, 1954, authorizing signatures for the account of Faith for Today with the Manufacturers Trust Company, Kew Gardens, N.Y., and that we record the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Sterling National Bank & Trust Company of New York, N.Y., be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signatures of D.N. Hartman, Treasurer, and/or W.A.Fagal, Secretary, and/or C.L.Torrey, Trustee, and/or O.A.Blake, Trustee, for the account which is in the name of Faith for Today, Inc., to sign or make all or any changes and orders for the payment of money. All prior authorizations for this account are hereby annulled and canceled.

FIFTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 26, 1954

MEMBERS PRESENT:

A V Olson, H T Elliott, Roger Altman, H W Barrows, W A Benjamin, W H Bergherm, O A Blake, C W Bozarth, N F Brewer, H F Brown, G W Chambers, E E Cossentine, E D Dick, N W Dunn, A A Esteb, R R Figuhr, T R Flaiz, W J Harris, C B H aynes, H W Klaser, F B Knight, H W Lowe, G M Mathews, John McCartney, L L Moffitt, H A Morrison, H S Nelson, W B Ochs, K J Reynolds, J I Robison, A H Rulkoetter, W A Scharffenberg, F A Soper, W H Teesdale, C L Torrey, R F Waddell, B E Wagner, A L White, F H Yost.

OTHERS PRESENT:

T H Jemison, S A Kaplan, R Ruhling.

Prayer by T.H.Jemison.

MINUTES of the meeting of August 19 were approved.

RED CROSS REFRESHER COURSE--SAN ANTONIO:

VOTED, To approve the plan for the Red Cross Refresher Course for instructor-trainers in first aid to be given October 2-5 in San Antonio, Texas immediately following the meeting of War Service Commission secretaries, to enable these men to keep their certificates valid.

VIRGIL N BEAUCHAMP--SALARY TERMINATION:

VOTED, That should employment not be found for him, Virgil N. Beauchamp's salary terminate four months from the date of his leaving the Inter-American Division as a permanently returned worker.

W I SMITH--FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

VOTED, That the Allowances and Adjustments Committee be authorized to make arrangements regarding the salary and allowances with W.I.Smith in connection with his service as president of Newbold Missionary College for the coming school year.

EXCHANGE RATE--CHILE PESO:

VOTED, That the denominational fixed rate of exchange for the Chile peso be US \$0.004 as of August 1, 1954.

W H BRANSON--FLORIDA:

VOTED, To approve the plan for W.H.Branson to make his home in Florida while continuing to serve as a Field Secretary of the General Conference.

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V T ARMSTRONG--OREGON:

VOTED, To approve V.T.Armstrong's locating in Portland, Oregon until the time of the 1955 Autumn Council when consideration will be given to his future location.

A V OLSON--CHAIRMAN SAN ANTONIO COMMITTEE:

VOTED, To appoint A.V.Olson chairman of the San Antonio Service Center Executive Committee.

J W McFARLAND--NATIONAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION:

VOTED, To appoint J.W.McFarland a member of the National Service Organization Advisory Committee.

LYN R BURNS---INDIA:

VOTED, To request the Australasian Division to release Lyn R. Burns of the Queensland Conference, and to invite him to serve in the Southern Asia Division as an evangelistic worker in South India.

R C SCHWARTZ--PACIFIC COLOMBIA:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union and Oregon Conference to release R.C.Schwartz, and to invite him to connect with the Colombia-Venezuela Mission for work in the Pacific Colombia Mission, recommending to the Inter-American Division that he be allowed four to six months for language study.

GERD SCHIVE--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Dr. Gerd Schive from the appointment to the Karachi Hospital in Southern Asia, in view of the change in her personal plans.

ERNA WEINLANDT--KARACHI HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To request the Central European Division to release Dr. Erna Weinlandt of the Berlin Sanitarium, and to invite her to connect with the Karachi S.D.A. Hospital in Pakistan, recommending to the Southern Asia Division that Doctor Weinlandt be given opportunity for a three months' visit to denominational medical institutions in the United States before proceeding to Pakistan.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

L.R.Rasmussen in place of E.E.Cossentine to Keene and Lincoln to meet with college boards.

C.E.Guenther in place of T.L.Oswald to Home Missionary Department Secretaries Council, Nashville, August 30 to September 2.

R.R.Figuhr to Toledo, Ohio, October 9, regional meeting.

E.R.Walde to Minneapolis August 24, and to Berrien Springs August 26, radio and TV counsel.

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W.H.Branson and J.W.McFarland to Madison, Tenn., October 4-6, meeting of Self-Supporting Institutions, releasing H.T.Elliott, W.B.Ochs, A.L.Ham.
John McCartney to Chicago, Benton Harbor, Ann Arbor, dates to be arranged.

Adjourned. Prayer by E.D.Dick.

A.V.Olson, Chairman
H.T.Elliott, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

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SIXTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 27, 1954

MEMBERS PRESENT:

A V Olson, H T Elliott, Roger Altman, H W Barrows, W H Beaven, W H Bergherm, O A Blake, C W Bozarth, N F Brewer, H F Brown, J A Buckwalter, N W Dunn, T R Flaiz, W J Harris, G M Mathews, John McCartney, W B Ochs, J I Robison, E E Roenfelt, W J Scharffenberg, B E Wagner.

OTHERS PRESENT:

T H Jemison.

The meeting was called immediately following the morning worship.

RALPH W ROYER--ETHIOPIA:

VOTED, To invite Dr. Ralph W. Royer of Mount Vernon, Ohio, to respond to the call of the Northern European Division for a medical director for the Zauditu Memorial Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Adjourned.

A.V.Olson, Chairman
H.T.Elliott, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary