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MINUTES OF MEETINGS  
OF THE  
AUTUMN COUNCIL  
OF THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 20 - 25, 1955

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## AUTUMN COUNCIL

Takoma Park, D.C., October 20 - 25, 1955

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## NINETIETH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 20, 1955, 2:30 P.M.

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The first business session of the Council convened in the chapel of the General Conference building at 2:30 P.M., October 20.

## PRESENT:

There were present nearly all the members of the General Conference Committee resident in North America, a few representatives from overseas divisions --R.H.Hartwell of the Middle East Division, H.C.Currie and C.G.Oliver of the Far Eastern Division, O.R.Scully of the South American Division, G.C.Nickle of the Inter-American Division, and Dr. G.A.Nelson of the Southern Asia Division--and a number of visitors.

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The Twenty-third Psalm was read by V.T.Armstrong, who also offered prayer to open the Council.

R.R.Figuhr spoke a few words of welcome and of confidence that the Lord's guidance would be felt in the Council.

## GREETINGS:

Messages of greeting from the Northern European Division, the Southern European Division, and the Australasian Division, were read. It was

VOTED, That the Secretary be asked to acknowledge these greetings and to express to these divisions our best wishes for success in their work.

## DAILY PROGRAM:

The following daily program was adopted:

8:00 - 8:50 A.M.	Officers' Meetings and Special Committees
9:00 - 10:00	Devotional
10:15 - 12:30 P.M.	Council
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch
2:00 - 3:45	Committees
4:00 - 5:30	Council
5:30 - 7:00	Supper
7:30 - 9:00	Council or Committees

## STANDING COMMITTEES:

Standing Committees were appointed as follows:

Assignment of Additional Personnel to Standing Committees.--A.V.Olson, Chairman; E.W.Dunbar, J.I.Robison.

Auditing

R.R.Figuhr, Chairman  
J.F.Cummins, Secretary

R H Adair	E W Dunbar	W A Nelson	J I Robison
V G Anderson	N W Dunn	R H Nightingale	E E Roenfelt
C L Bauer	H T Elliott	D A Ochs	H L Rudy
W R Beach	L C Evans	W B Ochs	C A Scriven
O A Blake	A L Ham	A V Olson	J D Smith
C W Bozarth	F B Knight	F L Peterson	C L Torrey
W P Bradley	L E Lenheim	W E Phillips	W H Williams
E D Dick	E A Moon	E L Place	I J Woodman
L K Dickson	H A Morrison	M L Rice	

Budget

C L Torrey, Chairman  
O A Blake, Secretary

R H Adair	Glenn Calkins	F B Knight	A V Olson
V G Anderson	J F Cummins	L E Lenheim	T L Oswald
V T Armstrong	E D Dick	E J Lorntz	F L Peterson
H W Barrows	L K Dickson	J L McElhany	W E Phillips
C L Bauer	N W Dunn	L L Moffitt	W E Read
W R Beach	E W Dunbar	H A Morrison	M L Rice
H P Bloum	H T Elliott	C J Nagele	J I Robison
J A Buckwalter	W P Elliott	W A Nelson	E E Roenfelt
C W Bozarth	L C Evans	J J Nethery	H L Rudy
W P Bradley	R R Figuhr	F D Nichol	C A Scriven
W H Branson	C D Forshee	R H Nightingale	J D Smith
F Brennwald	L E Froom	D A Ochs	W H Williams
N F Brewer	A L Ham	W B Ochs	

Distribution of Labor

W.B.Ochs, Chairman  
H T Elliott, Secretary

R A Anderson	N W Dunn	L L Moffitt	E E Roenfelt
V G Anderson	L C Evans	W A Nelson	H L Rudy
C L Bauer	R R Figuhr	F D Nichol	W A Scharffenberg
W R Beach	T R Flaiz	R H Nightingale	C A Scriven
C W Bozarth	A L Ham	D A Ochs	J D Smith
W P Bradley	G A Huse	A V Olson	Donn Thomas
G W Chambers	A W Johnson	T L Oswald	E R Walde
E E Cossentine	H W Klaser	F L Peterson	
E D Dick	F B Knight	W E Phillips	
L K Dickson	L E Lenheim	M L Rice	
E W Dunbar	T E Lucas	J I Robison	

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Finance

C L Torrey, Chairman

R H Adair, Secretary

R A Anderson	N W Dunn	John McCartney	D E Rebok
V G Anderson	H T Elliott	J L McElhany	M L Rice
V T Armstrong	W P Elliott	Garland Millet	J I Robison
C L Bauer	A A Esteb	E A Moon	E E Roenfelt
W R Beach	L C Evans	H A Morrison	H L Rudy
W A Benjamin	R R Figuhr	C J Nagele	V L Sanders
O A Blake	T R Flaiz	G A Nelson	W A Scharffenberg
C W Bozarth	A L Ham	H S Nelson	C A Scriven
W P Bradley	W J Harris	W A Nelson	J C Shull
W H Branson	R H Hartwell	J J Nethery	L A Skinner
F Brennwald	G A Huse	R H Nightingale	J D Smith
N F Brewer	A W Johnson	D A Ochs	Carl Sundin
J A Buckwalter	M E Kern	W B Ochs	M C Taft
Glenn Calkins	F B Knight	A V Olson	B E Wagner
A W Cormack	Frederick Lee	F L Peterson	E R Walde
E E Cossentine	L E Lenheim	W E Phillips	Howard Weeks
J F Cummins	E J Lorntz	E L Place	
L K Dickson	H W Lowe	W E Read	

Nominations

L K Dickson, Chairman

F L Peterson, Secretary

V G Anderson	E D Dick	W A Nelson	M L Rice
W R Beach	R R Figuhr	D A Ochs	C A Scriven
N F Brewer	J L McElhany	A V Olson	C L Torrey

Plans

H L Rudy, Chairman

E E Roenfelt, Secretary

R H Adair	H C Currie	E J Lorntz	D E Rebok
Wesley Amundsen	C W Degering	R S Lowry	M L Rice
G T Anderson	E D Dick	T E Lucas	J I Robison
V G Anderson	E N Dick	G M Mathews	R Ruhling
V T Armstrong	E W Dunbar	D A McAdams	A H Rulkoetter
H W Barrows	N W Dunn	J L McElhany	V L Sanders
C L Bauer	J E Edwards	J W McFarland	Walter Schubert
W R Beach	H T Elliott	E L Minchin	C A Scriven
W H Beaven	L C Evans	L L Moffitt	O R Scully
W H Bergherm	R R Figuhr	C E Moseley	W H Shephard
O A Blake	L E Froom	W A Nelson	J D Smith
H P Bloum	C E Guenther	J J Nethery	F A Soper
C W Bozarth	A L Ham	F D Nichol	W H Teesdale
W P Bradley	R L Hammill	R H Nightingale	Donn Thomas
W H Branson	E B Hare	D A Ochs	J C Thompson
N F Brewer	W A Higgins	W B Ochs	C L Torrey
H F Brown	C T Hyde	C G Oliver	G E Vandeman
J A Buckwalter	H W Kläser	A V Olson	H H Votaw
D Lois Burnett	Louise C Kleuser	T L Oswald	A L White
G W Chambers	F B Knight	G E Peters	W H Williams
E E Cleveland	L E Lenheim	F L Peterson	Joyce Wilson
J F Cummins	C S Longacre	W E Read	I J Woodman
			F H Yost

October 20, 1955

## STATISTICAL REPORT:

H.W.Klaser, Statistical Secretary, presented the Statistical Report for 1954. During the past year 82,288 persons were added to the church membership, and the gospel is being preached in 726 languages and dialects. The monthly income from tithes and offerings is over 5 million dollars. There has also been an increase in workers during 1954.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

C.L.Torrey, Treasurer of the General Conference, stated that the tithe and mission offerings in 1954 amounted to almost 50 million dollars, in addition to money that has been given for building projects and educational purposes. However, the increase in denominational giving is not keeping pace with the needs of the world field.

He called upon O.A.Blake, Undertreasurer, to present the estimated needs for overseas and North American fields for 1956. Mr. Blake stated that the world field requests for 1956 total \$20,662,729.67, with a total estimated income for 1955, including revertible funds, of \$18,627,538.04.

The General Conference Financial Statement to June 30, 1954, was presented as follows:

(See five pages following)

## FINANCIAL SUMMARIES:

The Chairman called upon H.W.Klaser to present the financial summaries for sanitariums and hospitals for 1954 and for educational institutions in North America, 1954-55. In reporting for the sanitariums and hospitals he stated that "during the period under review there was an increase in assets of over  $1\frac{1}{2}$  million dollars and an increase in liabilities of \$102,585.58.... During 1954 there were 82,049 persons admitted to our medical institutions ... for an average stay of 8.2 days." In the Financial Summaries of Educational Institutions he pointed out that two colleges and 22 academies "have sufficient cash and securities on hand to cover all liabilities and reserve funds."

## 1956 SPRING MEETING--DATE AND PLACE:

VOTED, That the 1956 Spring Meeting be held in Takoma Park, D.C., April 17-19.

Adjourned to 10:15 A.M. October 21.

Prayer by Glenn Calkins.

R.R.Figuhr, Chairman  
W.R.Beach, Secretary  
Mary Paul Lorntz, Recording Secretary



GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Balance Sheet  
June 30, 1955

ASSETS

Cash, Banks & Securities			
Cash & Banks	2 741 808 56		
Securities	12 162 162 56	14 903 971 12	
Accounts Receivable			
Divisions	36 711 75		
Miscellaneous & Personal	882 122 22		
Publishing Houses	167 546 50		
Transportation Agencies	81 298 83	1 167 679 30	
Inventories & Prepaid Items			
Accrued Interest, 1-1-55	32 131 42		
Advances on Rents & Deposits	344 35		
C M E Building Funds	230 000 00		
Deposits, - Airlines, Cables, etc	3 730 97		
Esda Sales & Service Stock	186 942 41		
Office Supplies & Stock	9 718 33		
Miscellaneous Items	3 101 22	465 968 70	
Total Assets		<u>16 537 619 12</u>	

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable			
Divisions	1 390 122 90		
Miscellaneous & Personal	354 678 06		
Publishing Houses	8 001 64	1 752 802 60	
Trust Funds			
Famine Relief	101 746 23		
Miscellaneous	959 408 48		
Sustentation	3 289 394 39	4 350 549 10	
Deferred Items			
Miscellaneous	6 575 21		
Unexpired Subscriptions	9 276 73	15 851 94	
Total Liabilities		6 119 203 64	

NET WORTH

Regular			
Regular Operating Capital 1-1-55	6 546 266 46		
Net Gain for Six months	618 052 26		
Total Regular Operating Capital 6-30-55	7 164 318 72		
Reserves			
Total Reserves - for itemization see page 3	3 254 096 76		
Total Net Worth		10 418 415 48	
Total Liabilities and Net Worth		<u>16 537 619 12</u>	

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Balance Sheet  
June 30, 1955

Statement of Financial Position  
and  
Comparison of Actual & Authorized Reserves

Reserves & Operating Funds

Reserves as per Statement page 3	3 254 096 76
Trust Funds page 1	4 350 549 10
Liabilities in excess Accounts Receivable, Inventories, etc	135 006 54
Cash & Securities Available for Working Capital	<u>7 164 318 72</u>
Total Cash & Securities, June 30, 1955	<u><u>14 903 971 12</u></u>

Actual Capital & Reserves .

Cash & Securities Available for Working Capital	<u>7 164 318 72</u>
Which is the same as Regular Working Capital, June 30, 1955	7 164 318 72

Authorized Capital & Reserves

Operating Fund - 20% of 1954 Appropriations and Operating Expenses amounting to \$17 780 138 82	20% = 3 556 027 76
Reserve Funds - 20% of \$17 780 138 82	= <u>3 556 027 76</u>
Total Authorized Reserves	<u>7 112 055 52</u>
Actual Operating Capital Exceeds Authorized by	<u><u>52 263 20</u></u>

## GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

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## Balance Sheet

June 30, 1955

## Reserves

Eastern Relief Warehouse	33 210 00
Entertainment, Servicemen Overseas	11 119 53
Esda Sales & Service, Earned & Donated Surplus	83 917 39
Film Bureau	1 316 53
Films - Departmental	18 000 00
Foreign Exchange	266 863 06
Froom Special for Books	104 92
General Conference 1958 Session	20 000 00
Home-Foreign Surplus	5 986 14
Ingathering Broadcasts	9 754 49
Latin American Radio Production	17 628 80
Medical Missions Residency	23 509 88
Miami Transportation	4 000 00
Ministerial Internships, Seminary	13 189 58
J Nussbaum Expense Allowance	3 009 30
Oakwood College - Men's Dormitory	72 000 00
Polish Union Reserve	13 407 82
Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers	125 78
Reconstruction Base, Orient	196 854 91
Rehabilitation Funds:	
Publishing Houses Improvements	74 302 23
General Funds Unassigned	200 808 03
Assigned to Divisions, still Unused	214 424 50
Securities Fluctuation	1 679 673 59
Servicemen's Center, San Antonio	11 119 30
Special Appropriations Unused	142 000 00
Spirit of Prophecy Basic Library	20 095 93
Spirit of Prophecy Slides	169 50
Textbooks Funds	116 753 01
White Index	752 54
Totals	<u>3 254 096 76</u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Operating Statement  
For Six Months Ending June 30, 1955

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	<u>INCOME</u>		<u>Increase Decrease*</u>
	<u>1955</u>	<u>1954</u>	
<b>Tithes</b>			
North America			
Unions 1%	148 790 89	137 785 56	11 005 33
Regular Percent	2 932 412 40	2 717 660 86	214 751 54
Special Percent	1 519 613 30	1 340 438 16	179 175 14
Miscellaneous	<u>7 684 68</u>	<u>9 734 74</u>	<u>2 050 06*</u>
	4 608 501 27	4 205 619 32	402 881 95
Overseas			
1% Non-Revertible	<u>51 416 78</u>	<u>52 133 69</u>	<u>716 91*</u>
Total Tithes	4 659 918 05	4 257 753 01	402 165 04
<b>Mission Offerings</b>			
North America			
Dollar-A-Week Funds	6 435 810 80	6 071 840 64	363 970 16
Miscellaneous	5 781 34	3 021 74	2 759 60
General Conference Session	<u>2 285 00</u>	<u>175 787 96</u>	<u>173 502 96*</u>
	6 443 877 14	6 250 650 34	193 226 80
Overseas			
Non-Revertible	<u>753 981 48</u>	<u>744 084 75</u>	<u>9 896 73</u>
Total Mission Offerings	7 197 858 62	6 994 735 09	203 123 53
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>			
Home			
Legacies & Matured Annuities	19 662 29	-	19 662 29
Miscellaneous Funds	11 422 75	8 006 85	3 415 90
Royalties	1 126 38	891 62	234 76
Securities Income	120 556 90	118 226 12	2 330 78
Specific Mission Donations	<u>19 518 11</u>	<u>15 222 53</u>	<u>4 295 58</u>
	172 286 43	142 347 12	29 939 31
Overseas			
Ingathering & Big Week Revert.	<u>702 826 37</u>	<u>622 704 67</u>	<u>80 121 70</u>
Total Miscellaneous Income	875 112 80	765 051 79	110 061 01
Total Income	12 732 889 47	12 017 539 89	715 349 58
Less: Total Expenses page 5	<u>12 114 837 21</u>	<u>11 393 515 24</u>	<u>721 321 97</u>
Net Gain for Six Months	<u>618 052 26</u>	<u>624 024 65</u>	<u>5 972 39*</u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Operating Statement  
For Six Months Ending June 30, 1955

	<u>EXPENSES</u>		<u>Increase Decrease*</u>
	<u>1955</u>	<u>1954</u>	
Administration			
Salaries & Expenses of Depts.	543 551 00	548 730 22	5 179 22*
Transportation Agencies	22 675 96	22 233 71	442 25
General Operating	77 197 07	54 849 01	22 348 06
Totals	643 424 03	625 812 94	17 611 09
Appropriations			
Overseas			
Regular	4 705 753 50	4 844 999 90	139 246 40*
Miscellaneous & Fixed Items	250 154 33	264 495 91	14 341 58*
Ingathering & Big Week Reverted	702 826 37	622 704 09	80 122 28
Special Reversions, Cent Eur	77 994 78	68 185 52	9 809 26
Specific Mission Donations	19 518 11	15 222 53	4 295 58
Spring in Tithes & Offerings	68 046 81	75 305 92	7 259 11*
Totals	5 824 293 90	5 890 913 87	66 619 97*
Home			
Regular	758 994 40	630 910 86	128 083 54
Miscellaneous & Fixed Items	488 633 70	331 936 07	156 697 63
Ingathering Overflow	1 951 825 06	1 813 454 24	138 370 82
Comeback Funds 18.4%	576 923 23	553 068 25	23 854 98
No Amer Miss Ingather etc Revt	47 316 73	43 614 10	3 702 63
Non-Tithe Funds Exchanged	1 519 613 30	1 340 438 16	179 175 14
Totals	5 343 306 42	4 713 421 68	629 884 74
Miscellaneous			
Specials from Reg Operating	299 163 57	158 272 65	140 890 92
Unbudgeted Items			
Harris Pine Mills - Nagele Exp.	2 263 56	2 289 30	25 74*
Miscellaneous Items	2 385 73	2 804 80	419 07*
Totals	4 649 29	5 094 10	444 81*
Total Expenses	<u>12 114 837 21</u>	<u>11 393 515 24</u>	<u>721 321 97</u>

NINETY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 21, 1955, 10:00 A.M.

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The second business meeting of the Council was opened with prayer by J.L.McElhany.

1956 AUTUMN COUNCIL--DATE AND PLACE:

VOTED, That the 1956 Autumn Council be held in Takoma Park, October 23-30.

GREETINGS FROM SOUTHERN ASIA:

A cable from the officers of the Southern Asia Division brought greetings to the Council.

D A DELAFIELD--WHITE PUBLICATIONS:

VOTED, To request the Review and Herald Publishing Association to release D.A.Delafield, and to invite him to connect with the White Publications staff.

Adjourned to 10:15 A.M. Sunday, October 23.

Benediction by Jere D. Smith.

A.L.Ham, Chairman  
H.T.Elliott, Secretary  
Mary Paul Lomtz, Recording Secretary

NINETY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 23, 1955, 10:00 A.M.

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Prayer by M.E.Kern opened the third business meeting of the Council.

RELIGIOUS FORUM OF THE AIR:

A statement was made by R.R.Figuhr concerning the TV program known as the Religious Forum of the Air, and A.A.Leiske's connection with it.

RECORDING AND PRESERVING SERVICE RECORDS:

A recommendation from the General Conference officers was adopted as follows:

We recommend, That the section entitled "Keeping and Preserving Service Records" recorded on pages 60 and 61 of the Working Policy (1955 edition) be deleted and be replaced by the following:

October 23, 1955

Information regarding the service periods of conference workers, institutional employees, and colporteurs, if kept in permanent form, is very helpful to committees and boards considering applications for sustentation benefits, as well as for general purposes. It is therefore provided:

#### Audit Sheets

1. That conference secretary-treasurers file with the official office copy of the conference executive committee minutes, the complete annual audit sheet listing all workers, time, salary, and expense.

#### Colporteur Records

2. That a copy of the annual colporteur summary giving the name of each colporteur and time served as prepared by the Book and Bible House and publishing secretary be filed with the conference secretary-treasurer, who shall keep a permanent record of the same.

3. That a copy of the summary as prepared by the union publishing secretary be filed with the union conference secretary-treasurer and the Publishing Department of the General Conference, both of which offices shall preserve these for permanent record.

#### Personnel Service Records

4. That the responsibility for obtaining information and keeping personal service record for every worker rest with the employing organization.

5. That this record be prepared in duplicate and be retained by the employing organization and held for the time during which a worker is employed and that when a worker is transferred, the original copy be sent directly to the next employing organization.

6. That when a worker, who is eligible to benefits from the Sustentation Fund retires permanently from the work, his card be forwarded to the General Conference Treasury Department, together with the application for benefits and the particulars of any settlement made with him.

7. That when a worker is transferred, the secretary-treasurer of the employing organization shall make a copy of the original record so that there will always be a complete record of the worker's service in the employing office.

8. That the officers responsible for the keeping of the service records in denominational organizations be requested to make an office record of the minutes of the employing organization, recording a reference to any appropriate action relating to the worker's discontinuance of service and particulars of any financial settlement made.

9. That the responsibility for keeping the service records rest with the following officers of denominational organizations:

- a. General Conference - Personnel Officer
- b. Union or Local Conference - Secretary-Treasurer
- c. Publishing House - Manager or Treasurer

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- d. College - President
- e. Academy - Local Conference Secretary-Treasurer
- f. Medical Institution - Administrator or Manager

10. That the following particulars appear on the service record card:

a. Year. A year by year record shall be kept. Do not attempt to consolidate several years on one line.

b. Employing Organization. Give the name of the parent organization for employees of subsidiary organizations.

c. Type of Work. Indicate nature of work or official position.

d. Beginning and Ending Dates. List month, day, and year, as follows:  
Jan. 15, 1953.

e. Service Credit. Indicate the number of months. <sup>the</sup> In/case of literature evangelists or Christian Record workers, list the number of hours for the year.

f. Signature. Each line should be signed by a responsible official.

#### BLANKS FOR SERVICE RECORDS:

VOTED, That the blank for the service records be prepared by the General Conference and that the blanks be stocked in various places to be available to all who need them.

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. From the General Conference officers and Union presidents recommendations were adopted as follows:

#### REVIEW AND HERALD SUBSIDY:

As a result of giving careful study to the advisability of continuing the General Conference annual subsidy of \$12,500 to the Review and Herald Publishing Association in connection with the sending out of the airmail issue of the Review and Herald to the overseas divisions, especially since it has been found that only a relatively small amount of material from the Review and Herald is being used by the divisions in their division papers,

We recommend, 1. That beginning with January 1, 1956 the General Conference discontinue the annual appropriation of \$12,500 to the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

2. That the Review and Herald Publishing Association be advised that it will not be necessary to continue to send out airmail editions of the Review and Herald to the divisions as of January 1, 1956.

3. That when the divisions feel that they desire the airmail edition of the Review and Herald, they deal directly with the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

Adjourned. Benediction by A.L.Ham.

A.V.Olson, Chairman

N.W.Dunn, Secretary

Mary Paul Lorntz, Recording Secretary



NINETY-THIRD MEETING  
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 23, 1955, 4:00 P.M.

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Fourth business meeting of the Council. Prayer by I.J.Woodman.

1958 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--LOCATION:

VOTED, That we investigate facilities available in several eastern cities for the holding of the 1958 General Conference Session, delaying decision on a choice of location until the 1956 Spring Meeting.

GENERAL CONGRESSES, CONVENTIONS AND OTHER GATHERINGS:

A recommendation from the General Conference officers and Union presidents was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, A large number of division-wide and inter-union congresses, conventions and councils have been held in the past years for the North American Division, and

WHEREAS, These general gatherings have made it possible for the leadership of the work to set impressively before the denomination the objectives of our church program, and

WHEREAS, It is felt that presently the most efficient approach to the implementation of these objectives calls for less emphasis on the general gatherings and appropriate emphasis at the conference and district level by which the impact of the general congresses and councils may be brought more fully to our church membership, and

WHEREAS, The reduction of the number of general gatherings in favor of an appropriate program on the union, local conference and district level would reduce considerably the heavy expense involved in the holding of division-wide congresses and inter-union conventions and councils, while enabling our administrative and promotional forces to give more time and energy locally,

We recommend, 1. That plans be formulated looking forward to a reduction of the number of division-wide and inter-union congresses, conventions, and other gatherings with a correspondingly sharper emphasis upon implementation and promotion at the local level.

2. That the General Conference officers be asked to appoint a committee with General, field and departmental representation, to draw up a plan for the carrying out of this recommendation, this committee to report to the 1956 Biennial Council.

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Further recommendations from the General Conference officers and Union presidents were adopted:

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ADVISORY COMMITTEES AT AUTUMN COUNCIL:

We recommend, 1. That no departmental advisory committee meetings be held in connection with the 1956 Autumn Council.

2. That the 1956 departmental advisory committee meetings be held in connection with the North American Departmental Conventions which have been authorized for 1956, or if no such conventions have been authorized, at such time and place as shall be determined by the General Conference Committee.

CAMP MEETING APPOINTMENTS:

We recommend, That all requests for workers to attend camp meetings when such workers reside outside of the union making such request, be cleared by the union through the General Conference Committee in the same way as requests for General Conference staff members.

CME FIELD VISITATION:

Recognizing that mutual benefit to the College of Medical Evangelists and the field would result if more of the members of the C.M.E. staff were to visit our conferences for the purpose of attending camp meetings or other general meetings,

We recommend, 1. That selected C.M.E. staff members be made available for camp meeting and other field appointments.

2. That appointments for C.M.E. staff members be made by the General Conference Committee as appointments for other workers are made.

SOCIAL SECURITY:

In view of the fact that the General Conference and other organizations have received many requests for counsel regarding the advisability of our workers signing up for Social Security benefits,

We recommend, That we express it as our opinion that it would be advisable for our workers and institutions to avail themselves of the benefits and protection offered under the Social Security plan.

ASSOCIATION OF SELF-SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONS--  
RELATIONS:

In order that the work of the Secretary of the Association of Self-Supporting Institutions in relationship to the General Conference may be clarified,

We recommend, 1. That paragraph 2 of the 1951 Autumn Council action regarding the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Self-Supporting Institutions be amended to read:

"2. That if the salary and expense of the Association secretary-treasurer, together with stenographic and office expense, are to be paid by the General Conference, the choice of secretary-treasurer requires the approval of the General Conference Committee; and that such secretary-treasurer be recognized

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as the liaison officer between the General Conference and the Association of Self-Supporting Institutions"; and further,

2. That this revised reading be referred to the next meeting of the Association of Self-Supporting Institutions for their approval.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS EDUCATIONAL  
INSTITUTIONS IN NORTH AMERICA:

WHEREAS, The original purpose of publishing the Financial Summary of Educational Institutions and the Financial Statements of the Academies in North America seems to have been met and their continuance is no longer needed,

We recommend, That these statements be discontinued on a quarterly basis and that only the regular annual reports be continued.

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From the Plans Committee recommendations were adopted as follows:

SERVING LIQUOR ON PLANES:

WHEREAS, Some airlines are following the practice of making alcoholic beverages available on their flights, and

WHEREAS, The consumption of such beverages by any person on board is recognized as a hazard to all on board, and

WHEREAS, There is on the part of the plane crews as well as the general public a mounting agitation against this practice,

Resolved, That we go on record as being opposed to the selling, serving, or drinking of alcoholic beverages on flights of all passenger airlines.

WORK FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE:

WHEREAS, Many years ago the Lord gave the following counsel concerning the special efforts that should be put forth to take the message to the Jewish people:

"When this gospel shall be presented in its fullness to the Jews, many will accept Christ as the Messiah."--Acts of the Apostles, p. 380.

"Among the Jews are some who, like Saul of Tarsus, are mighty in the Scriptures, and these will proclaim with wonderful power the immutability of the law of God. The God of Israel will bring this to pass in our day."--Gospel Workers, p. 399.

"There will be many converted from among the Jews, and these converts will aid in preparing the way of the Lord, and making straight in the desert a highway for our God. Converted Jews are to have an important part to act in the great preparations to be made in the future to receive Christ our Prince."--Evangelism, p. 579.

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WHEREAS, We are now publishing a series of thirty-six tracts, written particularly for the Jewish people, for use in regular missionary work, and also as lessons in the Jewish Bible Correspondence Course, and

WHEREAS, We have our quarterly journal for the Jewish people, bearing the name Israelite, and

WHEREAS, Arrangements have been made for the distribution of a special four-page tract for the Jewish people during the regular Visitation Day in March, 1956,

We recommend, 1. That a strong appeal be made to our workers and believers for renewed and increased efforts with our literature on behalf of the Jewish people.

2. That we encourage our members to subscribe for the new journal, Israelite, for their Jewish friends and neighbors.

3. That in the local fields plans be developed with a view to the widest possible coverage of the Jewish populations in North America on the March, 1956, special Visitation Day, and that instead of mere contacts being made with the Jewish people on that occasion, earnest endeavors be made to enroll them for the Jewish Bible Correspondence Course.

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Adjourned to 10:15 October 24. Benediction by H.T.Elliott.

A.V.Olson, Chairman

N.W.Dunn, Secretary

Mary Paul Lornitz, Recording Secretary

#### NINETY-FOURTH MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 24, 1955, 10:00 A.M.

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Fifth business meeting of the Council. Opened with prayer by J.J.Nethery.

#### MEETINGS IN 1956--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee to study the requests for meetings during 1956, this committee to report to the Council. Committee named: L.K.Dickson, J.I.Robison, L.L.Moffitt, E.E.Cossentine, C.E.Guenther, V.G.Anderson, J.D.Smith, C.L.Bauer, L.E.Lenheim, W.R.Beach, C.W.Bozarth.

#### VISIT OF DR. ALEXANDER MOELLER:

Dr. Alexander Moeller, government official and insurance company executive of Stuttgart, Germany, addressed the Council briefly during his visit to denominational headquarters. He spoke appreciatively of the friendly reception he is enjoying and wished success in the study of the budget for 1956.

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The meeting was adjourned to permit the legal meetings which had been set for this time.

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## INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY:

A meeting of the International Insurance Company of Takoma Park, Maryland, was called by the president, H.L.Rudy. V.L.Sanders, secretary and manager, presented the report of the Company for 1954 and the first nine months of 1955, and it was voted to accept the Financial Statement. The Nominating Committee of the Council was asked to make nomination of directors for the Company, and the following directors were elected for a term of three years: H.S.Nelson, J.F.Cummins, C.H.Kelly. One director was elected for a term of one year, as follows: V.L.Sanders.

## INTERNATIONAL TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION:

A.V.Olson, president of the International Temperance Association, called a meeting of the Board of Governors. W.A.Scharffenberg, executive secretary, reported on progress in overseas divisions, and W.H.Beaven, associate secretary, made a statement concerning the success of the Geneva Institute which had an enrolment of 110 students, 90 of them non-Adventists, from eighteen countries.

## AMERICAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY:

A meeting of the American Temperance Society was called by H.L.Rudy, president. W.A.Scharffenberg, W.H.Beaven, and F.A.Soper gave brief reports on the various phases of the work of the Society.

## CHRISTIAN RECORD BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION:

J.D.Smith, president of the board of the Christian Record Benevolent Association, called a meeting for receiving the report of the manager and editor, C.W.Degering, and the treasurer, D.C.Duffield, and to consider revisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association. These revisions increased the membership of the board to 21, made provision for quadrennial meetings of the constituency, and authorized the Board of Trustees to designate the place of the quadrennial meeting of the Corporation. The Board of Trustees was elected as follows: J.D.Smith, C.W.Degering, V.G.Anderson, C.L.Bauer, D.C.Duffield, H.T.Elliott, L.C.Evans, P.D.Gerrard, H.C.Hartman, W.A.Nelson, N.C.Petersen, L.E.Lenheim, W.B.Mohr, R.H.Nightingale, M.L.Rice, C.A.Scriven, J.F.Cummins, W.B.Ochs, G.A.Huse, D.A.Ochs.

## OAKWOOD COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY:

A.L.Ham, chairman of the Board of Oakwood College, called upon H.T.Elliott to present the proposed revision of the By-Laws, which was adopted. This provides for a four-year term of office, quadrennial meetings of the corporation to be held at such time and place as the board may designate, and the nomination of membership and filling of vacancies within the organization.

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## RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM CONSTITUENCY MEETING:

A.L.Ham as chairman of the board of the Riverside Sanitarium, requested H.T.Elliott to present the proposed revision of the By-Laws. The revision was adopted, and A.L.Ham stated that the reports of the president, treasurer, and business manager would be given at the meeting to be held May 17, 1956 at Huntsville.

The legal meetings were adjourned.

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## HARRIS PINE MILLS:

R.R.Figuhr asked C.J.Nagele to report for Harris Pine Mills. Mr. Nagele stated that "the company is operating at the highest levels of business that it has ever experienced in its history." There are 755 employees exclusive of sales personnel, about 80% of this number being Seventh-day Adventists. All furniture division plants have expanded this year.

W.H.Branson spoke in appreciation of the management of the company and the prosperity it is enjoying. He mentioned Clyde Harris's desire that this business might contribute heavily to the advancement of the message in all the earth.

Adjourned until 4:00 P.M. Benediction by A.V.Olson.

W.B.Ochs, Chairman  
E.W.Dunbar, Secretary  
Mary Paul Lornitz, Recording Secretary

## NINETY-FIFTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 24, 1955, 4:00 P.M.

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Sixth business meeting of the Council. Prayer by E.E.Cleveland.

## TEMPERANCE SOCIETIES--STATE AND REGIONAL BOARDS:

A recommendation from the Plans Committee was adopted, as follows:

We recommend, For adoption by the union and local conferences, the following organization of the American and Canadian Temperance societies at the union and local conference levels:

Union Conference

(a) That each union conference committee serve as the Board of Governors for its territory.

(b) That the union conference president serve as chairman of the Board.

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(c) That the union conference temperance secretary serve as secretary of the Board and as executive secretary of the American Temperance Society.

(d) That the union conference treasurer serve as treasurer of the Board.

#### Local Conference

(a) That each conference committee serve as the Board of Governors for its territory.

(b) That the conference president serve as the chairman of the Board.

(c) That the conference temperance secretary serve as secretary of the Board and as executive secretary of the American Temperance Society.

(d) That the conference treasurer serve as the treasurer of the American Temperance Society.

(e) That these boards meet annually to receive reports and lay such plans as will promote the objectives of the Society.

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Recommendations from the Finance Committee were adopted as follows:

#### AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY:

We recommend, That the General Conference and the conferences in North America provide an annual appropriation of \$25,000 to the American Bible Society, the General Conference to provide \$12,500 and the North American conferences \$12,500. The 1956 allotments to be as follows:

<u>Unions</u>	<u>1954 Net Tithes</u>	<u>Allotment</u>
Atlantic	2 070 689 95	907 42
Canadian	928 337 28	406 82
Central	1 880 871 00	824 24
Columbia	3 847 574 60	1 686 09
Lake	3 481 604 90	1 525 72
Northern	1 019 038 48	446 56
North Pacific	3 487 624 53	1 528 35
Pacific	7 487 318 97	3 281 11
Southern	2 856 784 96	1 251 91
Southwestern	1 464 502 35	641 78
Totals	28 524 347 02	12 500 00
General Conference		12 500 00
Total Allotment		<u>25 000 00</u>

#### OAKWOOD COLLEGE OPERATING:

We recommend, That in addition to the General Conference appropriation the equivalent of two per cent of tithe from the Regional membership in North America (with the exception of South Central Conference which will contribute four per cent) be provided for Oakwood College subsidy for operating for 1956

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based on the 1954 tithe receipts. The allotments under this action are as follows:

	<u>1954 Tithes</u>	<u>2%</u>
Atlantic Union		
Northeastern Conference	352 299 04	7 045 98
Central Union		
Central States Conference	106 732 51	2 134 65
Columbia Union		
Allegheny Conference	441 055 05	8 821 10
Lake Union		
Lake Region Conference	261 493 54	5 229 87
Northern Union		
Minneapolis, Minn., church	6 172 80	123 46
North Pacific Union		
Portland, Oreg., church	3 636 50	72 73
Seattle, Wash., church	9 085 50	181 71
	<u>12 722 00</u>	<u>254 44</u>
Pacific Union		
Arizona churches	9 766 95	195 34
Central California churches	28 666 37	573 33
Nevada-Utah churches	2 478 24	49 56
Northern California churches	64 156 02	1 283 12
Southeastern California churches	55 515 96	1 110 32
Southern California churches	152 327 52	3 046 55
	<u>312 911 06</u>	<u>6 258 22</u>
Southern Union		
South Atlantic Conference	273 929 69	5 478 60
South Central Conference	163 186 00	6 527 44 (4%)
	<u>437 115 69</u>	<u>12 006 04</u>
Southwestern Union		
Southwest Region Conference	119 983 50	2 399 67
GRAND TOTALS	<u>2 050 485 19</u>	<u>44 273 43</u>

## SERVICEMEN'S CENTER ALLOTMENTS:

We recommend, That the 1956 allotments for the Servicemen's Centers be as follows:

<u>Union</u>	<u>Net Total Tithes</u>	<u>San Antonio Allotments</u>	<u>Alaska Allotments</u>
Atlantic	2 070 689 95	750 36	127 56
Central	1 880 871 00	681 57	115 87
Columbia	3 847 574 60	1 394 25	237 02
Lake	3 481 604 90	1 261 64	214 48
Northern	1 019 038 48	369 27	62 77
North Pacific	3 487 624 53	1 263 81	214 85
Pacific	7 487 318 97	2 713 19	461 24
Southern	2 856 784 96	1 035 22	175 99
Southwestern	1 464 502 35	530 69	90 22
	<u>27 596 009 74</u>	<u>10 000 00</u>	<u>1 700 00</u>



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## RADIO AND TELEVISION ALLOTMENTS:

We recommend, That the 1956 allotments for Radio and Television be as follows:

	1954 Net Tithe	.72%	Radio	Television
Atlantic Union	2 070 689 95	14 908 97	2 477 83	12 431 14
Canadian Union	928 337 28	6 684 03	1 110 86	5 573 17
Central Union	1 880 871 00	13 542 27	2 250 69	11 291 58
Columbia Union	3 847 574 60	27 702 54	4 604 08	23 098 46
Lake Union	3 481 604 90	25 067 55	4 166 16	20 901 39
Northern Union	1 019 038 48	7 337 08	1 219 40	6 117 68
North Pacific Union	3 487 624 53	25 110 90	4 173 36	20 937 54
Pacific Union	7 487 318 97	53 908 70	8 959 48	44 949 22
Southern Union	2 856 784 96	20 568 85	3 418 49	17 150 36
Southwestern Union	1 464 502 35	10 544 41	1 752 45	8 791 96
Totals	28 524 347 02	205 375 30	34 132 80	171 242 50

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REPORT FROM INTER-AMERICA--  
HURRICANE DAMAGE:

A.H.Roth, president of the Inter-American Division, was asked to report on the situation resulting from recent hurricane damage in that field. Hurricane "Janet," he said, "was the worst hurricane in living memory" in that area. It struck six fields of the Division. Some members lost their lives, many suffered serious injury, families are homeless and destitute, and the effects of the disaster cannot be overcome for some months, until homes can be provided and new crops grown. Adventists have been prominent in organizing relief work and have been placed in charge of distribution of supplies in several districts. Immediate needs of our members have been cared for, but more help will be needed.

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Further recommendations from the Finance Committee were adopted, as follows:

## MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIPS:

We recommend, 1. That provision be made for 139 Ministerial Internships for 1956, the two-year allotment to be as follows:

a. That one hundred nineteen (119) internships be assigned to the several unions as follows:

Atlantic	11	Northern	9
Canadian	10	North Pacific	12
Central	11	Pacific	17
Columbia	14	Southern	12
Lake	12	Southwestern	11

b. That sixteen (16) internships be assigned for Regional workers, and be distributed by the North American Committee on Administration.

c. That four (4) internships be assigned to foreign-language work, the distribution to be made by the North American Committee on Administration.

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2. That provision be made for eighteen (18) Ministerial Internships for graduates of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary for the year 1956, and that they be distributed by the North American Division Committee on Administration in counsel with the Theological Seminary.

**OAKWOOD OFFERING:**

We recommend, That we approve the plan of receiving an offering for Oakwood College from all the churches in the North American Division in 1956, study to be given at the 1956 Autumn Council as to whether or not this offering will continue to be received in future years.

**POLIO INSURANCE:**

We recommend, That the question of providing polio insurance for the workers or sharing with them in the cost of such insurance be left with each employing organization to decide.

**PLACING AND SUPPORTING WORKERS****RETURNED FROM MISSION SERVICE:**

We recommend, That paragraph 9 of the policy on "Placing and Supporting Workers Returned from Mission Service" appearing on page 170 of the Working Policy be amended to read as follows:

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, none of the remaining salary due him shall be paid to the conference or institution calling him.

**LOANS TO PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS:**

We recommend, 1. That the following paragraph be added as paragraph 5 to the policy entitled "Loans for Setting up in Practice," appearing on page 104 of the Working Policy:

While we recognize that this policy is primarily applicable to graduates of the College of Medical Evangelists, yet in certain cases in which the conferences may desire to assist qualified Seventh-day Adventist physicians or dentists who can render spiritual and professional service and who wish to establish practice in the conference territory, but who are not graduates of the College of Medical Evangelists, it would not be considered a violation of this policy should any conference grant a loan to such a physician or dentist under the provisions of this policy.

2. That the present paragraph 5 become paragraph 6 of this policy.

**FIXED EXCHANGE RATES:**

We recommend, That the following be the fixed rates of exchange for 1956:

## FIXED EXCHANGE RATES

We recommend, That the following be the fixed rates of exchange for 1956:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	1956 <u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>in Local Currency</u>	1956 <u>Fixed Rate</u>
<u>Australasian</u>			
Australia	Australian £	.446	\$2.24
Fiji	Fijian £	.393	2.54
New Caledonia & Society Islands	Pacific Franc	62.50	.016
New Zealand	New Zealand £	.3571	2.80
<u>Central European</u>			
Germany	Deutschmark: West	4.00	.25
Germany	Deutschmark: East	20.00	.05
Saar	French Franc	350.877	.00285
<u>Far Eastern</u>			
British N. Borneo	BNB \$	3.00	.33 1/3
French Indo-China	Piaster	40.00	.025
Indonesia	Rupiah	20.00	.05
Japan	Yen	358.422	.00279
Korea (South)	Won (Hwan)	--	--
Malaya	Singapore \$	3.00	.33 1/3
New Guinea	Guilder	3.7037	.27
Philippine Islands	Peso	2.00	.50
Sarawak	Sarawak \$	3.00	.33 1/3
Thailand	Baht	20.00	.05
Hong Kong	Hong Kong \$	5.80	.17241379
Formosa	Taiwan \$	25.00	.04
Macao	Pataca	5.80	.17241379
<u>Inter-American</u>			
Bahamas	Pound	.3571	2.80
Barbados	Dollar	1.6949	.59
British Guinea	Dollar	1.6949	.59
British Honduras	Dollar	1.42857	.70
Colombia	Peso	3.3333	.30
Costa Rica	Colon	6.45161	.155
Cuba	Peso	1.00	1.00
Curacao	Guilder	1.85185	.54
Dutch Guiana	Guilder	1.85185	.54
French West Indies	Metropolitan Franc	350.877	.00285
Guatemala	Quetzal	1.00	1.00
Haiti	Gourde	5.00	.20
Jamaica	Pound	.3571	2.80
Mexico	Peso	12.00	.08 1/3

<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	1956 <u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>in Local Currency</u>	1956 <u>Fixed Rate</u>
<u>Inter-American (Con.)</u>			
Nicaragua	Cordoba	6.45161	\$ .155
Panama	Balboa	1.00	1.00
Puerto Rico	Dollar	1.00	1.00
Salvador	Colon	2.50	.40
Santo Domingo	Peso	1.00	1.00
Spanish Honduras	Lempira	2.00	.50
Trinidad	Dollar	1.6949	.59
Venezuela	Bolivar	3.3333	.30
<u>Middle East</u>			
Cyprus	Pound	.3571	2.80
Egypt	Egyptian £	.3508	2.85
Iran	Rial	66.6666	.015
Iraq	Dinar	.3571	2.80
Jordania	Pound	.3571	2.80
Syria	Syrian £	3.3333	.30
Lebanon	Lebanese £	3.1250	.32
Turkey	Turkish £	4.00	.25
<u>North American</u>			
Bermuda	English £	.3571	2.80
Canadian Union	Dollar	1.00	1.00
<u>Northern European</u>			
Denmark	Kroner	6.6666	.15
Ethiopia & Eritrea	Dollar	2.43902	.41
Finland	Markka	333.333	.003
Gold Coast	West African £	.3571	2.80
Great Britain	English £	.3571	2.80
Holland	Guilder	3.7037	.27
Iceland	Kroner	16.00	.0625
Ivory Coast	Colonial Franc	175.4386	.0057
Liberia	Dollar	1.00	1.00
Nigeria	West African £	.3571	2.80
Norway	Kroner	6.6666	.15
Poland	Zloty	400.00	.0025
Sierre Leone	West African £	.3571	2.80
Sweden	Kroner	5.00	.20
<u>South American</u>			
Argentina	Peso	25.00	.04
Bolivia	Boliviano	3500.00	.000285
Brazil	Cruzeiro	60.00	.016666
Chile	Peso	500.00	.002
Ecuador	Sucre	17.00	.058824
Paraguay	Guarani	60.00	.016666
Peru	Sol	17.50	.05714
Uruguay	Peso	3.20	.3125

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<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>in Local Currency</u>	<u>Fixed Rate</u>
<u>Southern African</u>			
Belgian Congo	Belgian Franc	50.00	\$ .02
British E. Africa, Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda	E. African Shilling	7.14285	.14
N. & S. Rhodesia	Rhodesian £	.3571	2.80
Nyasaland	Rhodesian £	.3571	2.80
S. African Union	South African £	.3571	2.80
<u>Southern Asia</u>			
Burma	Kyat	4.7619	.21
Ceylon	Rupee	4.7619	.21
India	Rupee	4.7619	.21
Pakistan	Rupee	4.7619	.21
<u>Southern European</u>			
Angola & Mozambique	Angolar	27.7777	.036
Austria	Schilling	25.00	.04
Belgium	Belgian Franc	50.00	.02
Bulgaria	Leva	285.714	.0035
Czechoslovakia	Koruna	50.00	.02
France	French Franc	350.877	.00285
French Cameroons	Colonial Franc	175.438	.0057
French Equatorial Africa	Colonial Franc	175.438	.0057
Greece	Drachma	30.00	.033 1/3
Hungary	Forint	11.627	.086
Israel	Israeli £	.5555	1.80
Italy	Lira	625.00	.0016
Magagascar	Colonial Franc	175.438	.0057
Mauritius	Rupee	4.7619	.21
Portugal	Escudo	27.7777	.036
Reunion	Colonial Franc	175.438	.0057
Rumania	Leu	142.8571	.007
Spain	Peseta	40.00	.025
Switzerland	Swiss Franc	4.2553	.235
Yugoslavia	Dinar	30.303	.033

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SPECIAL OFFERING ENVELOPES:

We recommend, That the plan of providing our churches in North America with special envelopes for certain offerings be restored as from January 1, 1956, in the case of the following offerings: Faith for Today, Midsummer, Missions Extension, Voice of Prophecy, Week of Sacrifice, Servicemen's Literature, Temperance, Disaster and Famine Relief.

TRAINING AND PLACEMENT OF  
DENOMINATIONAL BUSINESS PERSONNEL:

WHEREAS, There is a definite shortage of adequately prepared business personnel to fill the needs of our various denominational organizations; and

WHEREAS, Such personnel needs the advantages of a training program, which will include instruction in denominational accounting and business procedures, as well as practical experience,

We recommend, 1. That our union conferences and senior colleges in the North American Division give study to a program which will have as its objective the preparation of adequately trained business personnel, this program to include the following:

a. A course or courses, offered by the Business Administration Departments of our senior colleges, covering denominational accounting procedures, which should include lectures on specific topics by business personnel and administrators currently serving in the field.

b. Practical experience in the college business office for business administration majors during the time of their college training.

2. That in order to implement satisfactorily this training program, arrangements be made to prepare a suitable syllabus for the direction of the colleges which are called upon to train business personnel.

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

FIRST AID TRAINING:

WHEREAS, The Bible and the Spirit of prophecy clearly point out that in these last days major disaster will come, warning us that

"The judgments of God are in the land. The wars and rumors of wars, the destruction by fire and flood, say clearly that the time of trouble, which is to increase until the end, is very near at hand. We have no time to lose."  
--Mrs. E.G. White in Review and Herald, Nov. 24, 1904. And

WHEREAS, The heavy toll of life in killed and injured each year--from great national disasters and from accidents in home, farm, and shop--call on us to prepare to help meet this threat to others and to ourselves, and

WHEREAS, The necessary trained personnel is already available,

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We recommend, That the War Service Commission together with the Medical Department take as their minimum goal the First Aid training of the following:

1. One First Aider in every home.
2. One First Aid Instructor in every church
3. One First Aid Instructor Trainer in every conference

#### ADVANCED STUDY FOR PROFESSIONAL NURSES:

WHEREAS, There is a great lack of adequately qualified professional nurses to fill positions requiring specialized preparation in nursing service and in nursing education,

We recommend, That each medical institution or agency employing professional nurses, endeavor to assist each year one or more professional nurses for study for nursing beyond the basic professional course.

#### MV PATHFINDER DAY:

WHEREAS, The need for a positive church-sponsored program of leisure time activity for the boys and girls of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, in the age level in which the church either wins or loses them, is becoming more and more apparent, and

WHEREAS, By multiplied statements divine instruction has pointed out clearly the duty and responsibility of the church in regard to the needs of its youth, and

WHEREAS, The Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department now has tested and proved plans which have been highly successful in the heaven-approved head-heart-hand type of activity training, in outstanding soul-winning endeavor among our own youth, and in attracting non-Adventist youth to the message, and

WHEREAS, This vital work, that can and should be done in a more widespread way, is limited by a lack of better trained leadership and of a more general understanding and support by the membership of the church, all of which requires a more aggressive plan of promotion,

We recommend, 1. That there be each year an MV Pathfinder Day for which program materials will be provided, and that the third Sabbath in September be so designated in the 1957 Calendar of Special Days.

2. That the churches be encouraged to provide funds to help in the development of the MV Pathfinder Club work.

#### CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND OFFERINGS, 1957:

##### JANUARY

Home Missionary Day . . . . .	January 5*
Home Missionary Offering . . . . .	" 5
Religious Liberty Campaign . . . . .	" 12-19*
Religious Liberty Day and Offering . . . . .	" 19
Television Offering . . . . .	" 26

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## FEBRUARY

Christian Home and Family Altar . . . . . February 2\*  
 Home Missionary Offering . . . . . " 2  
Signs Campaign . . . . . Month of February  
 (Special price to prevail during February and March)

## MARCH

Visitation Evangelism - Home Visitation . . . . . March 2\*  
 Home Missionary Offering . . . . . " 2  
 Missions Advance Offering . . . . . " 9  
 Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer . . . . . " 16-23\*

## APRIL

Ingathering Rally Day . . . . . April 6\*  
 Ingathering Campaign . . . . . " 6-May 18  
 Home Missionary Offering . . . . . " 6  
 Spirit of Prophecy Day . . . . . " 13\*

## MAY

Dorcas and Welfare Evangelism . . . . . May 1\*  
 Home Missionary Offering . . . . . " 4  
 Disaster and Famine Relief Offering . . . . . " 25  
 (Alternates with the Servicemen's Literature Offering)

## JUNE

Literature Evangelism . . . . . June 1\*  
 Home Missionary Offering . . . . . " 1  
 College of Medical Evangelists Offering . . . . . " 8

## JULY

Medical Missionary Day . . . . . July 6\*  
 Home Missionary Offering . . . . . " 6  
 Midsummer Missions Service and Offering . . . . . " 13\*

## AUGUST

Enlightening Dark Counties . . . . . August 3\*  
 Home Missionary Offering . . . . . " 13  
 Educational Day and Elementary School Offering . . . . . " 17  
 Oakwood College Offering . . . . . " 31

## SEPTEMBER

Literature Evangelist Rally Day . . . . . September 7\*  
 Home Missionary Offering . . . . . " 7  
 Missions Extension Day and Offering . . . . . " 14  
 MV Pathfinder Day . . . . . " 21  
 Sabbath School Rally Day . . . . . " 28

## OCTOBER

Neighborhood Evangelism (Bible School enrollment) October 5\*  
 Home Missionary Offering . . . . . " 5  
 Voice of Prophecy Offering . . . . . " 12\*  
 Temperance Day and Offering . . . . . " 26\*  
Message Campaign . . . . . Month of October  
These Times Campaign . . . . . " "  
 (Special prices to prevail October and November)



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## NOVEMBER

Witnessing Laymen . . . . .	November 2*
Home Missionary Offering . . . . .	" 2
Review and Herald Campaign . . . . .	" 2-23
Week of Prayer and Sacrifice . . . . .	" 16-23*
Week of Sacrifice Offering . . . . .	" 23

## DECEMBER

Home Missionary Day . . . . .	December 7*
Home Missionary Offering . . . . .	" 7

\* Special Programs Prepared.

Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings

March 30  
June 29

September 28  
December 28

Adjourned to 7:30 P.M. Benediction by W.P. Bradley.

W.B. Ochs, Chairman  
E.W. Dunbar, Secretary  
Mary Paul Lorntz, Recording Secretary

## NINETY-SIXTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 24, 1955, 7:30 P.M.

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Seventh meeting of the Council. Prayer by Carl Sundin.

Recommendations from the Plans Committee were adopted as follows:

## CONTACTING THE BUSINESS MEN:

WHEREAS, Business men are not generally contacted by our literature evangelists as they do their house-to-house work,

We recommend, That diligent effort be put forth by our publishing department secretaries to encourage and train qualified individuals in all our churches to volunteer for the work of visiting each month as many as possible of the business men throughout our towns and cities, thus giving them an opportunity to become acquainted with our teachings as presented in our subscription periodicals such as Life and Health, These Times, Message, Listen, and Liberty.

## PLACING OF LIBERTY MAGAZINE WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

WHEREAS, Our literature evangelists, as well as Ingathering workers, are meeting increased interference from Green River ordinances and similar laws in their house-to-house visitation,

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We recommend, That our churches be urged to place Liberty with all public officials, leading lawyers, and educators.

#### INCREASED CIRCULATION OF MAGAZINES:

WHEREAS, The publishing houses are now in a position to foster and develop long-term subscription magazine work, and

WHEREAS, Such a program has proved successful in several fields,

We recommend, That conference committees lay plans for a greatly increased circulation of our magazines on both a single copy and subscription basis, and that careful consideration be given to the employment of specialized leadership for the promotion of this important phase of literature evangelism.

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Recommendations from the General Conference officers were adopted as follows:

#### HYPNOSIS IN THE TREATMENT OF DISEASE:

##### Warnings Against Hypnosis

WHEREAS, In many parts of the world there is an increasing emphasis upon the use of hypnosis in the treatment and cure of disease, as indicated by:

(a) An ever-increasing number of articles in its support in the publications of various medical groups and influential lay magazines.

(b) An increased interest in hypnosis at medical conventions.

(c) The availability in certain large universities of special advanced courses in hypnosis, open to carefully selected medical practitioners.

WHEREAS, It is generally recognized that upon entering the hypnotic state the subconscious mind, under the direction of the hypnotist takes over control of the senses and the actions of the individual without interference from, or without guidance of, his reasoning conscious mind.

WHEREAS, The Lord in His Word has counseled: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23. "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey?" Rom. 6:16. And the messenger of the Lord sounded clear and definite warnings that "men and women are not to study the science of how to take captive the minds of those who associate with them. This is the science that Satan teaches. We are to resist everything of the kind. We are not to tamper with mesmerism and hypnotism--the science of the one who lost his first estate, and was cast out of the heavenly courts."--Medical Ministry, pp. 110, 111.

"No man or woman should exercise his or her will to control the senses or reason of another, so that the mind of the person is rendered passively subject to the will of the one who is exercising the control. This science may appear to be something beautiful, but it is a science which you are in no case to handle. . . .

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"I lift the danger signal. The only safe and true mind cure covers much. The physician must educate the people to look from human to the divine."--Medical Ministry, pp. 111, 112. (Written in 1901 to a leading physician in an SDA sanitarium.)

"The theory of mind controlling mind was originated by Satan, to introduce himself as the chief worker, to put human philosophy where divine philosophy should be. Of all the errors that are finding acceptance among professing Christian people, none is a more dangerous deception, none more certain to separate man from God, than is this. Innocent though it may appear, if exercised upon patients it will tend to their destruction, not to their restoration. It opens a door through which Satan will enter to take possession both of the mind that is given up to be controlled by another, and of the mind that controls."--Ministry of Healing, p. 243.

"This science (of mind controlling mind) may appear to you to be very valuable; but to you and to others it is a fallacy prepared by Satan. It is the charm of the serpent which stings to spiritual death. It covers much that seems wonderful, but it is foreign to the nature and Spirit of Christ. This science does not lead to Him who is life and salvation."--Medical Ministry, p. 112.

We recommend, 1. That in the light of the warnings and counsels of the Word of God and the Spirit of prophecy, we as a denomination recognize hypnotism as a dangerous procedure, and warn Seventh-day Adventists against employing or seeking its use.

2. That we take a decided stand against the teaching or practicing of hypnotism in any Seventh-day Adventist institution.

#### "Safe and True Mind Cure"

WHEREAS, We have been called upon through the Spirit of prophecy counsels from early days of our medical work to recognize the proper and indispensable place of psychosomatic medicine in such counsels as:

"To deal with men and women whose minds as well as bodies are diseased is a nice work. Great wisdom is needed by the physicians at the Institute (Battle Creek Sanitarium) in order to cure the body through the mind. But few realize the power that the mind has over the body. A great deal of the sickness which afflicts humanity has its origin in the mind and can only be cured by restoring the mind to health."--Testimonies, Vol. 3, p. 184 (1872).

"The relation that exists between the mind and the body is very intimate. When one is affected, the other sympathizes. The condition of the mind affects the health to a far greater degree than many realize. . . . Grief, anxiety, discontent, remorse, guilt, distrust, all tend to break down the life forces and to invite decay and death.

"Disease is sometimes produced and is often greatly aggravated, by the imagination. Many are lifelong invalids who might be well if they only thought so. . . . Many die from disease the cause of which is wholly imaginary. . . . In the treatment of the sick the effect of mental influence should not be overlooked. Rightly used, this influence affords one of the most effective agencies for combating disease."--Ministry of Healing, p. 241 (1905).

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We recommend, 1. That in connection with the treatment of the sick the attention of Seventh-day Adventists--medical personnel, ministry and laity alike--be called to the importance and value of such basic principles of psychology and psychiatry as are not contrary to Christian teaching as implied in the instruction quoted above which recognizes a safe use of the knowledge of the laws that govern the working of the human mind.

2. That we recognize that in the proper treatment of "the body through the mind" we should utilize the God-given powers of a devoted life, "a contented mind, a cheerful spirit" (Ministry of Healing, p. 241), a spirit of gratitude and praise, physical therapy in various acceptable forms, and such medications as will not leave harmful effects. In so doing, we recognize that "the only safe and true mind cure" is that in which "the physician must educate the people to look from the human to the divine."--Medical Ministry, p. 112.

3. That we urge a renewed study at this critical time of the Spirit of prophecy counsels relating to psychology and "mind cure" as they appear in Ministry of Healing and Medical Ministry, which point out the perils of hypnosis, the procedures of which lead one human mind to dominate another.

4. That we urge all Seventh-day Adventists to endeavor more closely to follow God's program of keeping well, and in the case of illness to obtain help from well-qualified medical personnel, and thus, by the combination of healthful living, medical science, and prayer, to recover and maintain our physical well-being.

5. That we request the Medical Department to arrange for the preparation of suitable articles for our church papers, setting forth the principles represented in these resolutions.

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Adjourned to 10:00 October 25. Benediction by C.B. Haynes.

W.B. Ochs, Chairman  
E.W. Dunbar, Secretary  
Mary Paul Lorntz, Recording Secretary

#### NINETY-SEVENTH MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 25, 1955, 10:00 A.M.

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Eighth meeting of the Council. Prayer by Frederick Lee.

#### CONVENTIONS AND COUNCILS, 1956:

The committee appointed by the Council presented recommendations which were adopted and amended, as follows:

We recommend, 1. That the following conventions and councils be authorized to meet in 1956: (Note: Starred items have already been authorized)

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- \* a. Joint Educational and MV Council and War Service Commission.  
Union and local conference Education and Missionary Volunteer secretaries and directors of elementary education in our colleges, and War Service Commission secretaries attending the preceding Council to remain for meeting of Commission."
  - \* b. Joint Home Missionary and Sabbath School Council.  
Union and local Home Missionary and Sabbath school conference secretaries to attend.
  - \* c. Religious Liberty and Council on Industrial Relations . . . .  
January 10, 11, Chicago, Ill.  
Union and local conference Religious Liberty and Industrial Relations secretaries to attend.
  - d. Publishing Department Convention, April 26-May 1, Denver, Colorado.  
Union and local publishing department secretaries, Book and Bible House managers, and publishing house representatives to attend.
  - \* e. Presidents' Council, January 12-14, Hinsdale, Ill.  
Union and local conference presidents to attend.
  - f. Directors of Nursing Service Council, Aug. 22-28, Union College.  
Directors of Seventh-day Adventist schools of nursing and nursing service to attend.
  - g. College Teachers Sectional Meetings, Aug. 22-28, Union College.  
Teachers in Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, Nursing, to attend.
  - h. Temperance Convention.  
Union and local conference temperance secretaries, one church temperance secretary for each 2,000 members within each union, one representative from each college to attend.
2. That the request for an Auditors' Council in connection with the 1956 Autumn Council be considered at the Spring Meeting after the attendance at the 1956 Autumn Council is determined.
3. That the requests for Workshop on One-Teacher School Problems and the Regional Workshops for Local Broadcasters be referred to the 1956 Autumn Council.
4. That the Academy Principals Council be postponed.
5. That where time and place of councils or conventions listed under paragraph 1 have not been determined, the matter be referred to the General Conference Committee.
6. That the request for a Bureau of Public Relations Council be given further study by the General Conference Committee, with a view to including it in connection with some other council in 1956 if found advisable.

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A report from the Nominating Committee was presented, as follows:

BOARD OF REGENTS:

VOTED, That the following persons be appointed as members of the Board of Regents, with term expiring in 1958: W.H.Shephard, J.T.Porter, H.S.Hanson.

ASSOCIATION OF SELF-SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONS--EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

VOTED, To appoint W.H.Branson, J.W.McFarland, W.B.Ochs, J.F.Cummins, and A.L.Ham to serve on the Executive Committee of the Association of Self-Supporting Institutions.

Adjourned to 3:30 P.M. Benediction by J.A.Stevens.

L.K.Dickson, Chairman  
F.L.Peterson, Secretary  
Mary Paul Lorntz, Recording Secretary

NINETY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 25, 1955, 3:30 P.M.

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Ninth meeting of the Council. Prayer by E.D.Dick.

PAID ADVERTISING:

The Committee on Paid Advertising brought in its recommendation, which was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The Committee on Paid Advertising has completed the initial test campaign in advertising various points of the message, and

WHEREAS, The findings of the committee indicate that certain methods and advertising media merit careful study and further development, and

WHEREAS, The report of the initial test campaign indicates that this form of advertising our teachings is effective and valuable to us as a denomination,

We recommend, That a committee be appointed to study and evaluate the report and findings of this initial test campaign and to report for further direction to the General Conference Committee.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MISSIONARY APPOINTEES  
FROM HOME BASES:

The special Committee on Allowances to Missionaries presented revisions for the Working Policy, pages 133-135, which were approved as follows:

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Where nationals of other than home base divisions are called from their home division to serve in another division the outfitting and other allowances to be granted such workers shall be determined by the General Conference after counsel with the sending and receiving divisions.

Desirable appointments to the mission field have sometimes been prevented by indebtedness of the prospective appointees. While it is not wise to send out missionaries who are extravagant or careless in financial matters, there are those who have unavoidably incurred educational debts during the period of their education, internship, and in-service training whom the General Conference Committee would very much like to send to fill pressing calls. The calling of those whose qualifications make them greatly desired, but who otherwise could not respond because of financial obligations, is made possible under the following provisions:

1. When in the judgment of the Committee it seems necessary, appointees shall be allowed to go to the mission field with an indebtedness not to exceed \$250, on condition that assurance is given of satisfactory arrangements having been made between the appointee and the person or institution owed, for liquidating the indebtedness; it being understood that the General Conference does not assume responsibility for the indebtedness or for collections.

2. In special cases, where the total indebtedness does not exceed \$750, a contingent appropriation of up to \$500 may be granted by the General Conference in order to reduce the appointee's obligations to \$250, when circumstances and the urgency of the need for his services make this seem advisable. Twenty-five per cent of the amount of this appropriation shall be amortized by the General Conference and shall be credited to the worker's indebtedness account annually during the first four years of service in the mission field. The above appropriation shall be covered by note and contract between the General Conference and the appointee.

3. In the case of physicians and dentists whose total indebtedness incurred during this period of preparation for service together with 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 twenty 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 physician or dentist 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.

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

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Should the appointee be returned to the homeland before the indebtedness is liquidated and be employed within the denomination, the employing organization shall replace the division and the General Conference in carrying out the terms of amortization.

4. a. Arrangement may be entered into with chosen prospective medical and dental missionary appointees during their junior year in the study of medicine, whereby the appointee shall sign a definite contract with the General Conference, according to which he shall be placed under provisional appointment to the mission field and shall be afforded assistance on the cost of his medical or dental education during his junior and senior years by an advance at the rate of \$500 a year and \$250 for his intern year, the \$1,250 thus advanced to be amortized by the General Conference at the rate of twenty per cent per year during the first five years of the appointee's service in the mission field. No additional assistance on indebtedness is provided. If for any reason the appointee under contract does not enter upon mission service following internship, or withdraws from the contract before five years of service have been fulfilled, the loans thus made to him or the amount due at the time of withdrawal, shall be payable and be repaid to the General Conference at the rate of not less than \$250 a year.

b. These prospective medical and dental appointees shall be recommended to the General Conference Committee for provisional appointment by the Appointees' Committee and financial assistance according to the policy outlined above.

5. In cases where it has been arranged by the General Conference to allow a medical or dental appointee to take a residency following the internship, the General Conference guarantees to the appointee, during the period of the residency, an income of up to \$150 a month, including whatever stipend he may receive from the institution concerned, the General Conference providing the subsidy necessary in these cases.

6. Where medical or dental missionary appointees receive financial assistance under General Conference Working Policy, revised January, 1955, pages 104 and 105 or under the provisions of General Conference Working Policy, revised January 1955, page 135, paragraph 5.a., the total financial assistance granted them under all provisions of the policy shall not exceed the maximum provided by General Conference Working Policy, revised January 1955, page 134, paragraph 3.

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Recommendations from the Publishing Department Advisory Committee were adopted as follows:

#### LITERATURE EVANGELIST'S INTERNSHIP INCOME:

We recommend, To the 1956 Autumn Council a study of an increase of the guarantee of the Literature Evangelist's Internship weekly income to \$45 as a minimum and \$60 as a maximum.



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## DISCOUNTS:

We recommend, 1. That discounts to colporteurs and workers on trade books, during any time of the year, be set at 10%; that discounts to the constituents be set at 10% at camp-meeting and holiday periods.

2. That the sentence on page 26 of the Publishing Department Policies which states that there will be a discount on unbroken packages of tracts, be deleted.

3. That when five trade books of one title, or ten trade books of assorted titles are purchased at one time, a discount of 10% be granted.

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Recommendations from the Finance Committee were adopted, as follows:

## SHORT TERM WORKERS BENEFIT PLAN:

We recommend, That in view of the fact that the funds for the operation of the Short Term Workers Benefit Plan were to be provided by the Sustentation Fund, the Sustentation Committee be requested to deal with any cases where obligations under the Short Term Workers Plan were created, and that any allowances be met from the Sustentation Fund on the basis of the Short Term Workers Benefit Plan, it being understood that no cases will be considered after July 1, 1956, because by that date all such persons could be eligible for Social Security benefits.

## DISABILITY FUND:

We recommend, That the first paragraph of the section in the Working Policy regarding the Disability Fund be amended to read as follows:

"That beginning with 1949, 2 per cent of the receipts to the Sustentation Fund be set aside by the General Conference as a separate fund to be known as the Disability Fund, the purpose of this fund being to give necessary assistance to denominational workers who entered the work before 35 years of age and who are employed on a permanent basis and whose intention was to devote their lives to continuous service in the work of the denomination, but who have become incapacitated for active service by sickness or bodily injury and because of insufficient service are not eligible to assistance from the Sustentation Fund, assistance from this special fund to be temporary in character and proportional to the length of time the worker has been connected with the organized work."

HANDLING OF ATS MEMBERSHIP DUES:

In the handling of the American Temperance Society membership dues,

We recommend, 1. That the church treasurer pay to the church missionary secretary ~~64¢~~ for each membership to cover the cost of Listen magazine.

2. That the church treasurer retain 25% of the balance of membership funds on hand for the promotion of the temperance work locally.

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3. That the remaining portion of the membership funds be remitted to the conference treasurer to be divided according to the policy; namely, the conference retaining 20%, the union conference 5% and the General Conference 50% of the funds referred to under paragraph 2.

#### FIRE INSURANCE:

We recommend, That the denominational organizations be encouraged to insure all buildings on a replacement value basis, and that the Insurance Department of the General Conference be requested to provide information to the field with respect to this particular type of insurance.

#### SUSTENTATION ITEMS:

We recommend, 1. That paragraph 44 of the Sustentation Regulations be amended to read as follows:

"These provisions regarding continuity of service are made with a view to justice to those who in exceptional circumstances have to leave the work and yet deserve assistance from the Sustentation Fund. It is recognized, however, that in the examination of applications for these benefits great care should be exercised in order that those who have left the work for personal gain, misconduct, or unfruitful service, should not benefit by these provisions. Workers who apply for sustentation after having been out of the work for a number of years shall submit evidence with their applications indicating that their disconnection from the work did not disqualify them for sustentation benefits."

2. That paragraph 91 of the Sustentation Regulations be amended to read as follows: (Deleted portion in parentheses)

"The ownership of a home or its equivalent value, and such savings as a worker may have accumulated during his service to the cause, shall not be taken into account when deciding the amount to be paid him as sustentation allowance. (but when a worker is known to have a substantial income from other sources, this shall be considered in establishing his eligibility to the fund or his rate of sustentation.)

3. That provision be made in the Sustentation Regulations for granting credit for service to beneficiaries subsidized up to 80% of a regular salary after they have worked on this basis for two years, one year's credit being granted for two years of work, it being understood that the adjustment in service will be made at the time they cease to be subsidized workers.

4. That separate sustentation allowance be not granted to husband and wife who have both been employed in the denomination.

5. That in determining the rate for a couple who apply for sustentation benefits when the wife's period of service is longer than the husband's their service credit may be averaged and the family sustentation rate granted on the average service credit.

6. That paragraph 46 of the Sustentation Regulations be amended to read as follows: (Word underlined replaces word "thirty-two.")

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"A married woman who has twenty-five or more years of service to her credit and whose husband is not eligible to the benefits of the fund, if circumstances and conditions seem to warrant, may be granted assistance from the fund upon reaching the age of sixty years."

7. That when a woman withdraws from the organized work in order to marry, her service before marriage shall not be considered as being cancelled, and that paragraph 55 be amended to read as follows: (Inserted word underlined)

"A woman who withdraws from the organized work in order to marry shall not be considered eligible for assistance from the fund in case of becoming a widow unless she has twenty or more years of service to her credit prior to marriage. In case she has less than twenty years' service and reenters the work after marriage, the provisions of the policy as stated in paragraph 41 shall not apply."

8. That the words "exclusive of Social Security" be inserted in the Note following paragraph 48, making it read as follows:

"Note: Applications for assistance under paragraphs 45-48 shall be supported with a financial statement of the annual earnings of the applicant, and any amount granted by the committee should be such as to bring the total income of the family exclusive of Social Security up to the family rate of sustentation provided by the schedule for the wife's years of service."

9. That a questionnaire in triplicate be sent by the Sustentation Committee to temporary beneficiaries each year, one copy to be returned to the Sustentation Committee, one to the local conference president, and one to the union conference treasurer.

10. That physicians who go into the Group Clinic Plan, which is recognized as private practice, do not continue to build up service credit for sustentation, and that when an institution makes a change in its medical staff organization there be a determination as to whether they are still denominational employees or not.

11. That paragraph 54 of page 241 of the Working Policy (1955 edition) include the words, "unless she has dependent children."

#### 1956 AUTUMN COUNCIL ITEMS:

The recommendations from the Omnibus Committee relating to the following were referred to the 1956 Autumn Council:

Retirement at 60 years of age - paragraph 102  
Sustentation for commissioned salesmen  
Monthly medical allowance

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Recommendations from the Plans Committee were adopted, as follows:

#### CALL TO EVANGELISM:

Sensing the importance of the hour to which we have come, and recognizing the unique opportunities presented for the proclamation of the everlasting gospel, and the tremendous possibilities for evangelism,

Resolved, That we call upon our ministers and lay members in all the world to enter into such relationship to the Lord and "the obedience of faith" as will prepare the church for the outpouring of the Spirit of God.

We also recommend, 1. That our conference and mission leaders plan a program of evangelism with the object of reaching every individual soul within their territories, using every means possible for bringing the light of this message to the multitudes.

2. That our ministers and writers be urged to re-study the Bible and the counsels of the Spirit of prophecy concerning the presentation of the message in the clear setting of the great fundamentals of the Christian faith emphasizing our Lord's deity, His all-sufficient sacrifice, His resurrection, His heavenly ministry, and His return in glory.

#### CLASSIFICATION OF WORKERS:

In order to clarify the granting of licenses and credentials to the various categories of our workers as given in the Working Policy,

We recommend, That a committee be appointed to give study to and clarify the matter of granting licenses and credentials; this committee to report to the next Autumn Council.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF EDUCATIONAL POLICIES-- IN-SERVICE TRAINING ASSISTANCE:

We recommend, That "In-Service Training Assistance" listed in the General Conference Working Policy under the heading of "Administration of Educational Policies," and appearing on page 89, be revised to read as follows:

"3. A college teacher who is approved by his board for leave of absence for advanced study, shall receive as a maximum allowance, for which in all cases a written agreement shall be entered into, an amount covering (a) full salary and allowances, (b) tuition or travel expense, whichever is greater. The entire sum thus expended shall be amortized at the rate of 20 per cent for each corresponding and equal period of subsequent service. For example, the teacher shall subsequently serve the institution five months for each month of leave of absence for graduate study. For a part-time leave of absence, a similar proportionate arrangement shall apply. Whenever travel abroad, graduation fees, expense of hired researchers, thesis and dissertation typing expense, etc., are involved, a special agreement shall be entered into between the college and the teacher, the expense involved to be amortized according to the above arrangement. In case a call is placed before the allowance for leave of absence is amortized, the amount uncared for shall be assumed by the calling institution, or, in the event of the appointment to foreign service, by the calling division.

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4. Professional nurses, dietitians, and properly qualified medical and physical therapy technicians who are approved by their respective boards for leave of absence for advanced or post-graduate study, shall be dealt with according to the provisions outlined in the foregoing paragraph.

POST-GRADUATE WORK FOR NORTH AMERICAN  
SANITARIUM NURSES:

WHEREAS, The policy for Post-Graduate Work for North American Sanitarium Nurses is no longer adequate to meet the needs,

We recommend, The deletion of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4 on page 207, from the Working Policy.

HOME OWNERS RENT SUBSIDY:

The Committee on Allowances presented the following recommendation, which was adopted:

We recommend, 1. That the home owners' rent subsidy in North America be up to \$60 per month.

2. That the home owners' rent subsidy to employees of General Conference institutions not exceed the General Conference home owners' rent subsidy policy of a maximum of \$60 per month regardless of the location.

3. That this policy take effect beginning January 1, 1956.

Adjourned to 7:00 P.M. Benediction by R.A.Anderson.

L.K.Dickson, Chairman  
F.L.Peterson, Secretary  
Mary Paul Lorntz, Recording Secretary

NINETY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 25, 1955, 7:00 P.M.

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Tenth meeting of the Council. Prayer by W.H.Teesdale.

CME DEPOSITORY:

VOTED, That we approve the plan of the College of Medical Evangelists of establishing a depository, in the Loma Linda Library building, of denominational literature and available historical documents, and to ask the denominational publishing houses in North America to furnish to this depository copies of all publications.

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## THE BUDGET:

The Budget for 1956 was read by O.A.Blake, Undertreasurer, after introductory remarks by C.L.Torrey, Treasurer, in which he expressed regret that we find ourselves unable to provide all the funds requested for a growing work, and appreciation for the generosity of believers everywhere in their support of the Lord's work.

(See five pages following)

The Budget was adopted by unanimous vote, and all stood and sang "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." The Chairman called upon A.H.Roth, president of the Inter-American Division, to offer a prayer of thanksgiving and of consecration.

## EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE:

WHEREAS, The past year has afforded us the joy of witnessing the abundant blessing of God on His people and on the work that He has so graciously committed into our hands, enabling us, despite many difficulties and hindrances, to make advances in the proclamation of His message throughout the world and to build up and strengthen His work both at home and abroad, and to witness a great acquisition to the church membership; therefore,

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

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The Council was adjourned sine die.

Benediction by R.R.Figuhr.

L.K.Dickson, Chairman  
F.L.Peterson, Secretary  
Mary Paul Lorntz, Recording Secretary

We recommend, That the base and special appropriations for 1956 to the world fields be made from the following estimated income and available funds:

## REGULAR

General Conference Income (Basis 1954) for Base Approp. \$13 890 641 52

## SPECIALS

Amount Over Required Working Capital	52 263 20	
From 1956 Reconstruction Base, Orient	350 000 00	
1955 Exchange Gains	250 000 00	
Special Funds - Central Europe	130 000 00	
Institutional Relief Funds	50 000 00	
Medical Residency Fund	15 000 00	
Harris Pine Mills	100 000 00	
From Security Fluctuation Reserve	1 000 000 00	
Total Provision for Special Appropriations		1 947 263 20

\$15 837 904 72

## REVERTIBLE FUNDS (Basis 1954)

Estimated, All Divisions 4 736 896 52

Total Base and Specials \$20 574 801 24

## CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS

Total Estimated Income and Available Funds for 1956 240 000 00

\$20 814 801 24

We recommend, 1. That the Base Appropriations for 1956 be as follows:

## OVERSEAS

Australasia		391 527 00
Central Europe		
Base	55 596 00	
Sustentation	36 916 00	92 512 00
Far East		
Base	1 061 670 25	
Far Eastern Academy	9 569 75	
South China Island Union Mission	194 212 00	1 265 452 00
Inter-America		
Base	993 607 00	
Monterrey Counselor	2 000 00	995 607 00
Middle East		532 500 00
Northern Europe		
Base	905 919 00	
London Evangelism	25 000 00	930 919 00
South America		1 053 100 00
Southern Africa		
Base	1 129 594 00	
In Lieu of Gov't School Grants	100 000 00	
Furlough Transportation	45 000 00	1 274 594 00
Southern Asia		
Base	1 082 525 00	
Assam Mission	9 000 00	
Himalayan Mission	14 325 00	
Vellore Doctor	4 368 00	1 110 218 00

Southern Europe			
Base	1 080 978 00		
Israel Mission	21 210 00		
Transportation Agent, Rome	<u>1 000 00</u>	1 103 188 00	
Reconstruction Base, Orient		<u>434 351 00</u>	9 183 968 00
INTERNATIONAL RADIO			
Australasia		19 000 00	
Central Europe		7 500 00	
Far East	39 500 00		
South China	<u>18 000 00</u>	57 500 00	
Inter-America		53 500 00	
Middle East		22 500 00	
Northern Europe		57 000 00	
South America		66 000 00	
Southern Africa		34 000 00	
Southern Asia		48 500 00	
Southern Europe		52 500 00	
Production		<u>47 000 00</u>	<u>465 000 00</u>
Total Overseas Base Appropriations			9 648 968 00
NORTH AMERICA			
Aid to Smaller Conferences		70 000 00	
Faith for Today		110 000 00	
Home-Foreign Work		121 000 00	
Oakwood College		63 000 00	
Riverside Sanitarium		10 000 00	
San Antonio Servicemen's Center		5 000 00	
Voice of Prophecy Regular Operating		60 000 00	
Atlantic Union			
Evangelistic Center Operating	20 000 00		
Greater New York	17 000 00		
Northeastern Conference	<u>3 000 00</u>	40 000 00	
Canadian Union			
Regular Operating	72 000 00		
Rest Haven San Sustentation	<u>3 000 00</u>	75 000 00	
Southern Union			
Regional Conferences Operating	35 000 00		
Rural Schools	<u>5 000 00</u>	40 000 00	
Southwestern Union - Southwest Region		<u>14 000 00</u>	608 000 00
GENERAL			
Administrative & Departmental		1 388 500 00	
Miscellaneous & Fixed		1 415 347 52	
College of Medical Evangelists			
Regular Operating	485 000 00		
Dental School	90 000 00		
School of Tropical Medicine	<u>23 000 00</u>	598 000 00	
Medical Residency Plan		5 000 00	



Temperance Societies - American & International	44 100 00	
Theological Seminary - Regular Operating	135 226 00	
Evangelistic Films	30 000 00	
Entertainment Servicemen Overseas	5 000 00	
J Nussbaum Travel & Expense for Gen Conf	2 500 00	
White Publications - Basic Library	10 000 00	3 633 673 52
Total Base Appropriations for North America and General		4 241 673 52
Total Base Appropriations, All Divisions for 1956		13 890 641 52

2. That special appropriations be made as follows:

#### OVERSEAS

Australasia		
General	60 000 00	
Australasian Missionary College	20 000 00	80 000 00
Central Europe		
General	100 000 00	
Evangelism	30 000 00	130 000 00
Far East		
General	50 000 00	
Mountain View College	50 000 00	100 000 00
Inter-America		
General	60 000 00	
West Indian Training College)		
Caribbean Training College )	20 000 00	80 000 00
Middle East		
General	35 000 00	
Cairo Church	40 000 00	75 000 00
Northern Europe		
General	35 000 00	
Newbold Missionary College	50 000 00	
Empress Zauditu Mem. Hospital	25 000 00	110 000 00
South America		
General	60 000 00	
Brazil College	20 000 00	80 000 00
Southern Africa		
General	60 000 00	
Furlough Expense	40 000 00	100 000 00
Southern Asia		
General	45 000 00	
New Delhi Hospital	50 000 00	95 000 00
Southern Europe		
General	40 000 00	
Indebtedness	90 000 00	
Israel Mission	5 000 00	135 000 00
Total Overseas Specials		985 000 00

## GENERAL

College of Medical Evangelists			
Building Fund	90 000 00		
Dental School Teacher Training	<u>40 000 00</u>	130 000 00	
Evangelistic Films:			
Home Missionary Dept & "It Is Written"	23 000 00		
Missionary Volunteer Department	9 500 00		
Sabbath School Department	<u>3 750 00</u>	36 250 00	
Seminary Buildings		150 000 00	
Special Contingency Reserve Fund			
General Conference	75 000 00		
North Pacific Union Conference	<u>25 000 00</u>	100 000 00	
Textbooks Subsidy		5 000 00	
White Index		<u>10 000 00</u>	431 250 00

## NORTH AMERICA

Oakwood College		90 000 00	
Riverside Sanitarium		31 013 20	
Atlantic Union			
New England Sanitarium	15 000 00		
German Church	<u>25 000 00</u>	40 000 00	
Canadian Union			
Canadian Union College			
Industries Development	30 000 00		
Rest Haven Sanitarium	<u>15 000 00</u>	45 000 00	
Central Union			
Boulder Sanitarium	20 000 00		
Omaha Regional Church	5 000 00		
Union College	<u>15 000 00</u>	40 000 00	
Columbia Union			
Ephesus D C Regional Church	20 000 00		
Mt Vernon Ohio Evang Center	<u>20 000 00</u>	40 000 00	
Lake Union			
Detroit Regional Church	35 000 00		
Waukegan Center	<u>5 000 00</u>	40 000 00	
Northern Union			
Evangelism	20 000 00		
No Dakota Campmeeting Auditorium	<u>15 000 00</u>	35 000 00	
North Pacific Union			
Walla Walla College	35 000 00		
Walla Walla General Hospital	<u>5 000 00</u>	40 000 00	
Pacific Union			
Glendale Sanitarium	10 000 00		
San Francisco Chinese Church	5 000 00		
White Memorial Church	<u>25 000 00</u>	40 000 00	
Southern Union			
Southern Missionary College		40 000 00	
Southwestern Union			
Southwestern Junior College		<u>50 000 00</u>	531 013 20
Total Special Appropriations for North America and General			<u>962 263 20</u>
TOTAL SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS			<u>1 947 263 20</u>

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS RECAPITULATION

Total Overseas	985 000 00
Total General	431 250 00
Total North America	<u>531 013 20</u>
Totals	<u><u>1 947 263 20</u></u>

## CHURCH EXTENSION

## Overseas

Australasia	14 000 00	
Central Europe	14 000 00	
Far East	14 000 00	
Inter-America	14 000 00	
Middle East	14 000 00	
Northern Europe	14 000 00	
South America	14 000 00	
Southern Africa	14 000 00	
Southern Asia	14 000 00	
Southern Europe	<u>14 000 00</u>	140 000 00

## North America

Atlantic Union	10 000 00	
Canadian Union	10 000 00	
Central Union	10 000 00	
Columbia Union	10 000 00	
Lake Union	10 000 00	
Northern Union	10 000 00	
North Pacific Union	10 000 00	
Pacific Union	10 000 00	
Southern Union	10 000 00	
Southwestern Union	<u>10 000 00</u>	100 000 00

## Total Church Extension Funds

240 000 00
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## SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

Base, All Divisions	13 890 641 52
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## Specials

Overseas Divisions	985 000 00	
General	431 250 00	
North America	<u>531 013 20</u>	1 947 263 20

## Estimated Revertible Funds (Basis 1954)

Overseas Divisions	1 677 056 86	
North America Comeback & Overflows	<u>3 059 839 66</u>	4 736 896 52
Totals		20 574 801 24

## Church Extension

Overseas Divisions	140 000 00	
North America	<u>100 000 00</u>	240 000 00

## Total Appropriations for 1956 Including

Reversions (Basis 1954)	20 814 801 24
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Total Appropriations 1955	<u>20 303 182 71</u>
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Increase	<u><u>511 618 53</u></u>
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