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MINUTES OF MEETINGS

of the

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 17-31, 1957

including AUTUMN COUNCIL

and

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## Two Hundred and Twenty-second Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 17, 1957, 9:00 A.M.

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## PRESENT:

A. V. Olson, F. L. Peterson, R. H. Adair, R. A. Anderson, V. G. Anderson, H. W. Barrows, W. R. Beach, O. A. Blake, H. P. Bloum, C. W. Bozarth, W. P. Bradley, N. F. Brewer, J. A. Buckwalter, G. W. Chambers, E. E. Cossentine, E. D. Dick, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, J. E. Edwards, H. T. Elliott, R. R. Figuhr, Dr. T. R. Flaiz, A. L. Ham, W. J. Harris, H. W. Klaser, F. B. Knight, F. D. Nichol, J. W. Peeke, L. R. Rasmussen, J. I. Robison, E. E. Roenfelt, H. L. Rudy, A. H. Rulkoetter, W. A. Scharffenberg, M. C. Taft, C. L. Torrey, Howard Weeks, A. L. White

## OTHERS PRESENT:

D. A. Delafield, Herbert Ford, C. D. Forshee, N. W. Litchfield, R. Ruhling

Prayer by L. R. Rasmussen.

MINUTES of the meeting of October 10, 1957 were approved.

## 1958 WEEK OF PRAYER READINGS:

A Committee on topics and selection of writers for the 1958 Week of Prayer readings presented a report which was adopted as follows:

First Sabbath	"Joy and Responsibility of Belonging to God's Remnant"	R. R. Figuhr
Sunday	"Fulfilling Prophecy"	Fordyce Detamore
Monday	"Christian Maturity"	R.G.Manalaysay
Tuesday	"Our Health Message"	T. R. Flaiz, M.D.
Wednesday	"New Conquests Ahead" (missions)	H. L. Rudy
Thursday	"Earth's Last Reformation"	L. C. Naden
Friday	"Come With Us and We Will Do Thee Good"	T. E. Lucas
Sabbath	"Marching as a Family to the Kingdom"	Mrs. E. G. White

That Miss Louise Meyer be asked to prepare the Children's Lessons for the 1958 Week of Prayer.

## MRS. R. J. RITCHIE--CONDOLENCE TO RELATIVES:

Information was given of the death of Mrs. R. J. Ritchie on October 13. Elder and Mrs. Ritchie were connected with our work in Southern Asia for some years, he as a Division departmental secretary for a time. They have recently served in the Ontario-Quebec Conference, in the Canadian Union. It was

VOTED, To extend to R. J. Ritchie and relatives our sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement.

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## M. G. CONGER--DEATH OF:

Information was given of the death of M. G. Conger on October 11, he having passed away after a long illness, at the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital. Elder Conger was for many years a worker in this cause, at one time having served in the China Division. It was

VOTED, To record an expression of our sympathy with Mrs. Conger and relatives of the family in their loss.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

E. E. Cossentine--Miami Beach, meeting of Association of American Colleges, January 3-18, 1958 (also will visit Oakwood, Madison, and Southern Missionary College);

A. O. Dart--Illinois Conference, Home Education work, two weeks last of February and early March, 1958;

F. B. Knight--Kansas City, Inter-church Transportation Committee, November 8; Cleveland, Ohio, Medical Secretaries' Council, November 9-11 (in place of R. H. Adair);

W. B. Ochs--Ellijay, Ga., Watkins Memorial Hospital, November 10-12 (on trip Miami, Florida);

W. E. Phillips--Glendale, Calif., Accountants' Workshop, November 18-21;

H. B. Weeks--Oshawa, Ontario, Public Relations Council, appointments at college, and magazine contacts, October 29-31; New York City, Department film, November 1-3; Michigan, Public Relations work, January 5-12, 1958;

Dr. Wayne McFarland--Battle Creek, Mich., counsel re physical therapy department at Battle Creek Sanitarium, October 21, 22 (en route Autumn Council);

Miss Louise Kleuser--Springfield, Mass., and Atlantic Union College, complete two-hour Seminary Extension Course, October 27-November 18;

E. N. Dick--Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Medical Cadet work, October 21, 22; Columbia Union Cadet work, October 29-November 9 (in connection with Autumn Council).

## F. D. NICHOL--PACIFIC UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Review and Herald Publishing Association the request received from the Pacific Union Conference for the services of F. D. Nichol as follows: Southern California, Medical-Ministerial Meeting, October 29 to November 3; Southern, Central, and Northern California Conferences, Workers' Meetings, December 9-16.

## DR. ALVIN CHAFFIN--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Dr. Alvin Chaffin from the call to Saigon, Viet Nam, since for family health reasons he has declined.

## L. B. HALLIWELL--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of L. B. Halliwell on his request and in harmony with the authorization of the South American Division; and to express to him our appreciation for his long period of service in the mission field.

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## ROBERT WILCOX--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return to the homeland of Robert Wilcox, son of Elder and Mrs. Roger A. Wilcox, of Brazil, for educational purposes.

## DAVID YANG--SOUTH CHINA TRAINING SCHOOL:

VOTED, To pass on to David Yang, a graduate from Emmanuel Missionary College in the Spring of 1957, the invitation of the Far Eastern Division for him to return to his homeland, to connect with the South China Training Institute, on the basis of the arrangements outlined in the Working Policy which apply in the case of nationals.

## H. M. BALDWIN--BANGKOK SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union and Florida Conferences to release H. M. Baldwin, of the Walker Memorial Sanitarium and Hospital, and to invite him to connect with the Far Eastern Division as business manager of the Bangkok Sanitarium.

## GEORGE BURNSIDE--UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division the call from the Southern African Division for George Burnside, to serve as an evangelist in the Union of South Africa.

## DORA REED--EXTENSION FURLOUGH:

Since it has become necessary for Miss Dora Reed, on furlough from the Central American Union, to undergo surgery, it was

VOTED, To grant an extension of her furlough if necessary, in order that she may recuperate from the operation before leaving for the mission field.

## A. E. COYNE, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Dr. A. E. Coyne from the call to Nuzvid, India, since for personal reasons he has declined.

## A. E. WEAVER, M.D.--KARACHI HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To invite Dr. A. E. Weaver, now under deferred appointment, to connect with the Southern Asia Division as doctor and surgeon in the Karachi S.D.A. Hospital.

## PHYSIOTHERAPY COUPLE--TEHERAN, IRAN:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern European Division the call from the Middle East Division for a physiotherapy couple for Teheran, Iran, with the request that they recommend a couple from one of the Scandinavian countries who are qualified to fill the need.

## BRIEF ON 1960 CENSUS--EXPENSE:

Further information having been received concerning a brief to be prepared by Dr. Leo Pfeffer, of the American Jewish Congress, in protest of the

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inclusion of a religious question in the 1960 Census, referred to in the minutes of September 12, 1957, it was

VOTED, That we authorize the Treasurer to meet the expense incurred by Doctor Pfeffer in printing and presenting the brief, up to a maximum of \$50.00, with the understanding that there will be no expense for his services.

#### SPONSORSHIPS:

VOTED, To grant provision for the following sponsorships:

a. Apula Kuresa, of Western Samoa, to the New England Sanitarium, on the General Conference exchange program, as recommended by the Australasian Division.

b. Alfred G. Ratcliffe and wife, of Australia, on a visitor's visa, to attend the General Conference session;

c. Enoch Oliveira, on a student basis, accompanied by family, this being underwritten by the South American Division;

d. Emanuel Fenz, on a student basis, as recommended by the Southern European Division;

e. Victor E. Matta and wife, on a student or exchange visitor's basis, on request of the South American Division.

#### SPIRIT OF PROPHECY COMMITTEE:

In the General Conference Committee meeting of October 10, 1957, provision was made for the appointment of a Committee of eleven, to be known as the Spirit of Prophecy Committee. It was

VOTED, That the Spirit of Prophecy Committee be comprised of the following personnel: A. L. Ham, R. A. Anderson, C. W. Bozarth, N. W. Dunn, L. Richard Hammill, G. A. Huse, H. W. Lowe, W. G. C. Murdoch, F. D. Nichol, H. L. Rudy, A. L. White.

#### WORLDWIDE ADVENT MISSIONS, LTD.--LONDON ACCOUNT:

VOTED, To recommend to World-Wide Advent Missions, Limited, the opening of an account with the Bankers Trust Company of London, suggesting that W. H. G. Benwell be authorized to sign or make all or any changes and orders for the payment of money in connection with this account.

#### A. V. OLSON--ETHIOPIA:

VOTED, That A. V. Olson be authorized to visit Northern Europe (Ethiopia) for a period of two to three weeks, beginning January 10, 1958, on his return trip from a visit to Southern Africa.

Adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

A. V. Olson, Chairman  
F. L. Peterson, Secretary  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

## Two Hundred and Twenty-third Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 18, 1957, 8:20 A.M.

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## PRESENT:

A. V. Olson, W. R. Beach, R. H. Adair, R. A. Anderson, H. W. Barrows, O. A. Blake, W. P. Bradley, N. F. Brewer, J. A. Buckwalter, D. Lois Burnett, G. W. Chambers, E. E. Cossentine, N. W. Dunn, J. E. Edwards, A. L. Ham, Louise C. Klouser, J. W. Peek, J. I. Robison, E. E. Roenfelt, H. L. Rudy, A. H. Rulkotter, F. A. Soper, M. C. Taft, C. L. Torrey, A. L. White

## OTHERS PRESENT:

D. A. Delafield, C. D. Forshoe, N. W. Litchfield

The meeting was called immediately following the worship period in the General Conference Chapel.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS:

In the Committee meeting held on October 17 a report from the Committee on Physical Arrangements for the 1958 General Conference session as well as a report from the Committee on Secretarial and Office Help for the 1958 General Conference session had been distributed. This gave opportunity for careful reading of the reports. Consideration was given to the report from the Committee on Physical Arrangements, and with certain additions and changes it was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Physical Arrangements of the 1958 General Conference session presents the following series of recommendations:

Organization

Manager--Hans Kohler

Assistant Managers--I. V. Counsell, J. O. McLeod, J. O. Gibson, E. F. Willett

Locating Committee: Chairman, C. H. Kelly; Assistant, A. J. Patzer; Other Members--D. W. Hunter, W. N. Wittenberg, F. B. Knight, Pastors of the Euclid Avenue, Lakewood, and Regional Churches in Cleveland

The Locating Committee will assign hotel space to the various delegations and will be responsible for operating the registration desk.

Committee on Management during session: That the Manager, I. V. Counsell, J. O. McLeod, J. O. Gibson, E. F. Willett, C. L. Torrey, W. R. Beach, and W. P. Bradley serve as a Committee on Management to care for all physical arrangements after arrival in Cleveland, this committee to continue to function until June 28.

Printing

That the Manager in counsel with R. H. Adair arrange for the printing of such stationery, labels, and other general material as may be needed.

Signs

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That all the departments and individuals concerned be asked to have plans for their signs and visual material completed by January 31, 1958, keeping in touch with the Committee on Physical Arrangements so as to avoid delays and congestion, and completing their work before leaving for Cleveland so far as this is practicable.

Requisition Form

That the Manager prepare and circulate a suitable requisition form on which the needs of the various departments and groups can be listed, including furniture, desks, office equipment, pianos, blackboards, etc.; these forms to be filled in and returned by the time of the Autumn Council.

Post Office

That the Treasury arrange with the postal authorities in Cleveland for a branch office to be operated in the auditorium during the session.

Book Display

That the Review and Herald Publishing Association be requested to lead out in the usual arrangements for the book display.

Globe and World Map

That the globe and world map showing the location of Adventist centers and growth of the work be brought up to date and sent to the session, W. R. Beach to supervise the revision.

Nursery Service

That the Manager make arrangements through the Columbia Union Conference for a suitable nursery service for the session.

Transportation Facilities

That F. B. Knight, with assistance where needed from the Columbia Union, provide the transportation services in the auditorium.

Badges

That the Secretary of the General Conference arrange for delegates' badges, the Manager to provide the necessary badges for his staff.

Seating of Delegates

That the committee appointed to assign seating space for delegates and to look after the distribution of material arrange for the standards and signs marking the location of delegations.

Sound and Recording Arrangements

That the Pacific Union Conference be requested to lend us the services of Leston Post to look after the special lighting, also the sound and recording arrangements, all recording activities to be in his charge; that except

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for the official recording of proceedings as arranged by the Secretarial Department, all recording be done in a room set apart in the basement for that purpose, and a fee of \$5.00 be charged to each person for the use of the facilities provided; the release, sale, duplication or distribution of any recorded matter to be arranged and authorized only through the Secretarial Department, notices to this effect to be posted in the recording room.

#### Official Bulletin and Photographers

That the Review and Herald Publishing Association be asked to prepare and publish the official bulletin and to serve as official photographers.

#### Pictures for Sale or Distribution

That the official photographers, who are allowed to function at all times, be requested to arrange for suitable pictures, slides, and prints for sale to interested individuals.

#### Taking of Pictures

That in order to avoid interference and confusion in the services, all taking of photographs on the part of visitors and delegates be prohibited within the auditorium during devotional services, preaching services, evening programs and reports, during prayer, and during the hours of the Sabbath; that picture taking be allowed on week days during the business sessions, prior to the actual commencement of the evening programs, and following the benediction; that it be the duty of the Manager and his assistants to see that this regulation is put into effect.

#### Personal Notices and Announcements

That personal notices and announcements to be made in the auditorium be cleared through N. W. Dunn, Leston Post to provide facilities for flashing these on the screen.

#### Radio and TV Programs

That the Radio Department prepare a provisional schedule of radio and possible TV presentations which involve the use of the auditorium.

#### Telephones

That telephones be installed to the following points:

- a. President
- b. Treasurers (2)
- c. Secretaries (2)
- d. Business Manager
- e. Information and Registration (2)
- f. Cashier
- g. Review and Herald
- h. Public Relations (2)
- i. Stenographers
- j. Transportation
- k. Radio (2)
- l. First-aid Room



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Committee on Platform Decorations

That the following committee be appointed to plan and supervise the platform decorations in the main auditorium and in the auditorium where the young people will be meeting, and to assign them a budget of \$1500.00 for expenses. Committee appointed: H. L. Rudy, W. J. Harris, E. W. Dunbar, C. W. Bozarth, Mrs. V. G. Anderson, L. A. Skinner, Maybelle Vandermark.

Department Booth Expense

That the departments be allowed a budget of \$150.00 for the expense of decorating and preparing the respective booths on the basis that this does not include the painting of identification signs.

American Bible Society Exhibit

That an exhibit by the American Bible Society be displayed.

Literature for Free Distribution to non-Adventists

That the Home Missionary and Publishing Departments give study to the providing of an appropriate piece of literature that can be distributed quite freely to non-Adventist visitors at the General Conference session. (T. L. Oswald, Chairman)

Assignment of Space

That the assigning of space and completion of arrangements in the auditorium be as follows:

1. Booths for departments, bureaus, institutions, and divisions to be located in the main exhibit hall beneath the auditorium, along the east and west walls.
2. Information, registration, and reception desk to be in the main lobby.
3. Lobby and writing room to be in the main exhibit hall, north end, starting at the foot of the stairs and extending south to the third row of posts.
4. First-aid room--provided on second floor of auditorium at south end of east corridor, service to be arranged by Manager through Columbia Union Conference as necessary.
5. Day nursery and mothers' room--third floor, Clubroom C, service to be arranged by the Manager through Columbia Union Conference.
6. Book and periodical stand--to be situated in middle of main exhibit hall, about 40' x 92' in size, starting at third row of posts from north end.
7. Transportation--to use space with two windows adjacent to and north of cashier's windows.
8. Post office--to use Western Union space.

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9. Checking rooms. Two are conveniently located adjacent to rooms #132 and #163 near arena entrance.
10. Bulletin boards--to be in main lobby.
11. Recording room for private recordings--to be partitioned off in south end of south exhibit hall, space assigned as required.
12. Prayer room--to use small dressing room, east side of platform, second floor.
13. General stenographic pool and dictating room--space to be set off in south end of west main floor corridor.
14. Ministers' assembly and prayer room; also steering committee--to use musicians' room at west side of platform.
15. Review editorial room--to use either service room at rear of fourth floor ballroom, or chorus dressing room, second floor, west side of platform.
16. Photo studio for Review, in connection with above.
17. Manager, assistants, messengers--Office #132.
18. President--Office #165; Vice presidents, #163.
19. Treasurers--room adjoining the cashier's windows and counting room (#143 ?); Treasury secretaries, #135.
20. Secretaries with Secretarial Department stenographers--space as needed in south end of west main corridor.
21. Session recorders--adjacent to #20 above.
22. Cashier's office--to use three ticket windows together with small room at rear, on east side of main lobby.
23. Choir--chorus dressing rooms are available, both east and west sides; also platform of Little Theater.
24. Radio studio--two rooms, #286 on west side, middle of second floor corridor.
25. Public Relations room--#148 at east end of short corridor off main lobby.
26. Sign painters--to work in corridor space beyond musicians' room.
27. Ushers and distribution of materials--in connection with Nos. 20, 21 in west corridor.
28. Headquarters hotel--Hotel Cleveland.
29. Offerings: No restrictions; W. E. Phillips to be in charge, and he will see to providing offering envelopes and plates and will organize personnel.

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## 30. Departmental meeting halls:

Music Hall	(3000)	Large ministerial gatherings
Ballroom	(1317)	Committees
Little Theater	(678)	Juniors
Clubroom B	(500)	Kindergarten
Clubroom A	(150)	Primary
South Hall C	(325)	Nominating Committee
South Hall A	(325)	Committees
South Hall B	(325)	Committees

## 31. Sabbath meeting arrangements:

- 1) Children's Departments: To use rooms as listed in #30 (except Music Hall) as needed.
- 2) Youth Section: A committee investigated Cleveland Arena and reported it to be unsuitable. First choice is the Armory, located across the street from the Municipal Auditorium, which is convenient, suitable, and would hold about 3,500; but its availability is uncertain. After further investigation it was agreed to reserve the Baptist Church at 18th and Euclid, seating 2,275, but to use the Armory if it becomes available in March or April, 1958. (It would need a platform 12' x 18' x 3½'.)

32. Chairs for veterans and small chairs for children--to be arranged by the Manager and J. O. McLeod.

33. Arrangements for the deaf--some seats in front of the auditorium to be wired for phones; section in balcony, southeast end to be reserved for deaf mutes; to investigate availability of interpreter from Greater New York or California.

34. Method of hanging charts, maps, etc., in auditorium by wire or otherwise, to be arranged by the Manager.

35. Exposition service, renting of furniture--the Manager will arrange.

Care of Lobby and Reception Room at General Conference session:

That J. A. Stevens be requested to take the responsibility of supervising the lobby and reception room in the downstairs area adjoining the exhibits.

Height of Partitions Around Booths

That the partitions for the booths be eight feet in height.

Furniture for Exhibit Booths

That the following basic list of furniture be approved for each booth at the General Conference session:

1 Office desk	1 Typewriter stand
1 Swivel chair	1 Stenographer's chair
2 Straight chairs	1 Coat tree or hat rack
1 Typewriter	1 Wastebasket

That any request for variation from the basic equipment for a booth be referred to a committee consisting of: The Manager, J. O. Gibson, O. A. Blake,

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Sale of Newspapers

That the sale of newspapers within the auditorium not be permitted during the session.

Public Signs

That a committee be appointed to work out plans for public signs to be displayed outside the auditorium setting forth the time and nature of the General Conference session. Committee appointed: L. K. Dickson, Howard Weeks, D. A. Roth, O. A. Blake, W. P. Bradley.

Hours of Exhibit Booths

That the exhibit booths be closed during the morning devotional meetings and also during the night meetings, as well as on the Sabbath.

Watchmen

That the Manager and C. H. Kelly complete arrangements for watchmen.

It is estimated that three will be needed from the General Conference and that the Columbia Union might be able to supply three as well.

Messengers

That eight messengers be hired and that the rate of remuneration be one dollar per hour; that all messengers employed for the session be at least sixteen years of age at the time of the session, and that the names of those wanting employment be referred to the Manager.

Map of Cleveland

That arrangements be made to print in the program folder a reduced copy of the map of the central section of Cleveland which appears in the brochure, "Why They Come to Cleveland"; also that a supply of this map be printed separately for general distribution to visitors at the General Conference session.

Pulpits and Other Furniture for Meeting Rooms

It is understood that requests for furniture and equipment for use in the various committee and meeting rooms will be made to the Manager by the departments or organizations using these rooms. Regarding rooms whose use is not by any department such as the prayer room, ministers' meeting room, Nominating Committee room, etc., it was agreed--

That the equipping of these rooms be arranged by the Manager, J. O. Gibson, and O. A. Blake.

Gratuities

That the matter of gratuities to certain individuals at the Cleveland Convention Auditorium be referred to the Manager, C. H. Kelly and F. B. Knight, with power to act.

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Directory of Frequently Used Local Telephone Numbers

That Evelyn Wells be asked to prepare a directory of frequently used local telephone numbers in Cleveland.

Sign Painters

That two sign painters would be required at the session, and that the Manager make arrangements for these.

Songbook

The Review and Herald has proposed the use of the new book Songs of Praise, at the General Conference session, and will supply five thousand copies at a special price.

That Songs of Praise be used at the session, ordering five thousand copies; and that these be sold at the close of the General Conference session at cost to the first buyer.

Windshield Stickers

It was reported that arrangements might be worked out through the police commissioner of the City of Cleveland for delegates and visitors attending the session to have special parking treatment. It was agreed

That the Manager be requested to look into this and if the plan is possible to prepare special stickers to be used on the windshields of automobiles of individuals attending the session which will make them eligible for special parking arrangements.

Special Parking

That special parking privileges be granted to the following:

1. General Conference Officers
  - a. President 1
  - b. Vice Presidents 5
  - c. Secretaries 8
  - d. Treasurers 6
2. President, Columbia Union 1
3.
  - a. Individuals Bearing Special Responsibilities
    - a. Chairman, Locating Committee 1
    - b. Manager of the session 1
    - c. General Conference Public Relations Secretaries 2
    - d. Review and Herald Editors 3
    - e. Leston Post 1
    - f. J. O. McLeod 1
    - g. Donald Hunter (Secretary, Locating Committee) 1
    - h. Review and Herald Photographers 2
    - i. Don Roth (Public Relations) 1
    - j. Chairman of Nominating Committee 1
    - k. Secretary of Nominating Committee 1
4. Others to be selected up to 16.

# GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION EXHIBITS

Cleveland Public Auditorium -- June 19-28, 1958

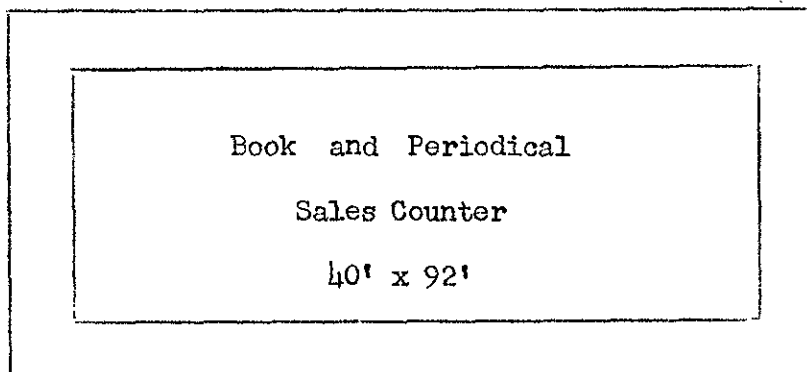
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(Size of booths - 13' x 10')

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SECRETARIAL AND OFFICE HELP  
FOR 1958 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION:

The report of the Committee on Secretarial and Office Help for the 1958 General Conference session was considered, and with changes and additions was adopted as follows:

To recommend to the General Conference Committee that the following persons be authorized to go to Cleveland for special and stenographic help for the General Conference session:

1. That Katie Farney be asked to be Recording Secretary.

2. That Miss Minnie Abray be asked to be in charge of the reporting and transcribing, and that the following be assigned to assist her:

Mrs. Marilyn Froelich	Marion Nyman
Juanita Hodde	Mary Ogle
Mrs. T. H. Jemison	Thelma Wellman

3. That Ora Williams be assigned to the President's Office.

4. That the following persons be assigned to the Secretary's Office:

Mrs. Hazel Anderson  
Mildred Dumas  
Mrs. Elaine Larkin  
Mrs. Marjorie Marsh  
Marcedene Wood

5. That Vera Baker, Eva Linscott, and Verna Slate be assigned to the Treasurer's Office.

6. That Pauline Klady be assigned to the Transportation Office.

7. That the following persons be assigned to the Cashier's Office and Treasury work:

C. D. Forshee  
Mrs. Harriet Gibbs

8. That Marvella Anderson be assigned to the Home Missionary Department.

9. That Eleanore Jacoby be assigned to the Religious Liberty Department.

10. That Mrs. D. A. McAdams be assigned to the Medical Department.

11. That Mrs. R. H. Adair be assigned to the Ministerial Association.

12. That Mrs. Esther Hare be assigned to the Missionary Volunteer Department.

13. That Doris Blackmon, Mrs. Rosemayne Burden, and Beulah Heidinger be assigned to the Public Relations Department.

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14. That Clara Gilbert and Minnie Truitt be assigned to the Radio Department, and that Mintie Truitt work part time with the Radio Department and part time with the General Stenographic Office.

15. That Mrs. Dorothy Tull be assigned to the Publishing Department.

16. That Ethel Howard be assigned to the Sabbath School Department.

17. That Mrs. Leona Long be assigned to the Temperance Department.

18. That Mrs. Arthur L. White be assigned to the National Service Organization.

19. That Gladys Purdie be assigned to the Department of Education.

20. That Bessie Mount be assigned to the White Publications Office.

21. That Mrs. Cora Thurber be assigned to the Statistical Office.

22. That the following persons be assigned to the General Stenographic Office:

Evelyn Wells, in charge;  
Yvonne Olsen and Mrs. Grace Sampson,  
assistants

Mrs. Thelma Anderson  
Catherine Brown  
Mabel Colby  
Mrs. Louise Elliott  
Mildred Johnson  
Louise McGavock

Marie Mooney  
Mrs. Mabel Mulholland  
Mrs. Elane Rogers  
Nellie Roser  
Mrs. W. A. Scharffenberg  
Mrs. Doreen Simper

*See also Officers' meeting minutes of Jan 22, 1958, for further list voted.*

Mintie Truitt (part time)  
Mrs. June Vogt

23. That we request the Columbia Union to provide secretarial and other help for the Locating, Registration, and Information booths.

24. That we request the Columbia Union to provide one night watchman, and that from the General Conference Office A. F. Folger, George Simper, and Karsten Aasheim be appointed as night watchmen.

#### FINAL ADJUSTMENTS IN REPORTS:

VOTED, To refer to the Officers any final adjustments that need to be made in the foregoing Committee reports.

#### INVITATIONS TO ASSISTANT DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARIES AND OTHERS:

VOTED, That the question of attendance at the General Conference session on the part of Assistant Secretaries and others that may be listed be referred to the Officers for consideration.

Adjourned at 8:50 A.M.

A. V. Olson, Chairman  
W. R. Beach, Secretary  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

MEMO.  
Officers' Meeting  
Jan. 22, 1958, for  
voted.



## AUTUMN COUNCIL

Takoma Park, D.C., October 24-28, 1957

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Two Hundred and Twenty-fourth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 24, 1957, 10:30 A.M.

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The first business session of the Council convened in the General Conference Chapel, at 10:30 A.M., October 24.

## PRESENT:

R. R. Figuhr, W. R. Beach, R. H. Adair, Wesley Amundsen, G. T. Anderson, R. Allan Anderson, V. G. Anderson, V. T. Armstrong, O. A. Blake, H. P. Bloum, W. P. Bradley, W. H. Branson, F. Brennwald, N. F. Brewer, J. A. Buckwalter, D. Lois Burnett, T. Carcich, James E. Chase, A. W. Cormack, E. E. Cossentine, C. W. Degering, Carl Dent, M.D., E. N. Dick, E. D. Dick, L. K. Dickson, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, J. E. Edwards, H. T. Elliott, W. P. Elliott, L. C. Evans, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., L. E. Froom, Jesse O. Gibson, A. L. Ham, Eric B. Hare, W. J. Harris, W. A. Higgins, G. A. Huse, F. B. Knight, L. E. Lenheim, H. W. Lowe, R. S. Lowry, Theodore Lucas, G. M. Mathews, D. A. McAdams, J. W. McFarland, M.D., Garland Millet, E. A. Moon, Harvey A. Morrison, C. E. Moseley, Jr., Chas. J. Nagele, W. A. Nelson, J. J. Nethery, F. D. Nichol, R. H. Nightingale, W. B. Ochs, A. V. Olson, T. L. Oswald, C. E. Palmer, J. W. Peeke, F. L. Peterson, G. E. Peters, W. E. Phillips, E. L. Place, L. R. Rasmussen, W. E. Read, Don R. Rees, J. I. Robison, R. Ruhling, F. W. Schnepfer, E. E. Roenfelt, C. A. Scriven, James V. Scully, Wm. H. Shephard, J. C. Shull, J. D. Smith, Francis A. Soper, Carl Sundin, C. L. Torrey, B. E. Wagner, Howard B. Weeks, Arthur L. White, W. H. Williams, I. J. Woodman.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

W. J. Cannon, N. W. Litchfield, C. S. Longacre, R. P. Rowe, S. E. Wight, Joyce Wilson.

The opening hymn was "Ye Servants of God," No. 342 in the Church Hymnal.

R. R. Figuhr mentioned the recent illness of C. B. Haynes who is now in a somewhat low physical condition, and suggested he be remembered in prayer. In the prayer that followed by E. D. Dick, intercession was made in behalf of Elder Haynes, and the blessing and guidance of God was asked on the plans laid in the Council.

A welcome to the Autumn Council was extended to the delegates by R. R. Figuhr. He referred to the fact that the feeling between nations has become in recent months increasingly acute. There is a threatened annihilation of nations, perhaps of the world population itself. This is a challenge to us who believe that God has given to this people the last important and great message to go to the world. It should make us serious, earnest, and fervent in the tasks to which God has called us.

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Elder Figuhr spoke of the organization of the early church as recorded in the book of Acts, chapter 6: 1-4. They united in a great, common program, carrying what we call the good news to the world. We have united in the same program of world evangelization. The organization at first must have been very simple. Then as there arose a murmuring because of apparent neglect, the twelve apostles asked the disciples to "Look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business, but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The problem seems to have been solved.

It is good to look back over our own church history and to see how marvelously God has led in the development of our unique church organization. Referring to Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, page 24, Elder Figuhr spoke of the fact that in the beginning our members were few and poor, but they were aggressive, with great plans. He read from the following pages regarding the progress of organization and membership. God has blessed us because we have a united program. We ought to follow God's plan for carrying on God's work in God's world in a united and co-operative way. As we enter into our discussions, may it be with a fervent desire to be a united group, to accomplish the things of God to the glory of His name.

A further season of prayer followed, led by C. E. Moseley, Jr., T. Carcich, and W. B. Ochs.

#### DAILY PROGRAM:

VOTED, To adopt the following Daily Program:

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

#### STANDING COMMITTEES:

The following Standing Committees for the Council were appointed:

##### Auditing

R. R. Figuhr, Chairman  
W. E. Phillips, Secretary

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

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Budget

C. L. Torrey, Chairman  
O. A. Blake, Secretary

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

Distribution of Labor

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

R. H. Adair	E. W. Dunbar	L. E. Lenheim	J. I. Robison
R. A. Anderson	N. W. Dunn	T. E. Lucas	E. E. Roenfelt
V. G. Anderson	L. C. Evans	J. L. McElhany	H. L. Rudy
W. R. Beach	R. R. Figuhr	L. L. Moffitt	W. A. Scharffenberg
O. A. Blake	T. R. Flaiz, M.D.	W. A. Nelson	C. A. Scriven
C. W. Bozarth	A. L. Ham	R. H. Nightingale	J. D. Smith
W. P. Bradley	G. A. Huse	A. V. Olson	C. L. Torrey
W. H. Branson	A. W. Johnson	T. L. Oswald	E. R. Walde
E. E. Cossentine	H. W. Klaser	F. L. Peterson	
L. K. Dickson	F. B. Knight	W. E. Phillips	

Finance

C. L. Torrey, Chairman  
R. H. Adair, Secretary

R. A. Anderson	C. W. Degering	T. E. Lucas	W. E. Phillips
V. G. Anderson	L. K. Dickson	J. L. McElhany	E. L. Place
V. T. Armstrong	E. W. Dunbar	L. L. Moffitt	D. R. Rees
H. W. Barrows	N. W. Dunn	E. A. Moon	J. I. Robison
W. R. Beach	H. T. Elliott	H. A. Morrison	E. E. Roenfelt
O. A. Blake	W. P. Elliott	C. J. Nagele	H. L. Rudy
H. P. Bloum	L. C. Evans	H. S. Nelson	W. A. Scharffenberg
C. W. Bozarth	R. R. Figuhr	W. A. Nelson	F. W. Schnepfer
W. P. Bradley	T. R. Flaiz, M.D.	J. J. Nethery	C. A. Scriven
W. H. Branson	J. O. Gibson	R. H. Nightingale	W. H. Shephard
F. Brennwald	A. L. Ham	W. B. Ochs	J. C. Shull
N. F. Brewer	G. A. Huse	A. V. Olson	J. D. Smith
Glenn Calkins	F. B. Knight	T. L. Oswald	M. C. Taft
T. Carcich	L. E. Lenheim	J. W. Peeke	E. R. Walde
E. E. Cossentine	N. W. Litchfield	F. L. Peterson	W. H. Williams

I. J. Woodman

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Nominating

A. V. Olson, Chairman  
E. W. Dunbar, Secretary

W. R. Beach	R. H. Nightingale
L. K. Dickson	W. B. Ochs
L. C. Evans	H. L. Rudy
R. R. Figuhr	F. W. Schnepfer
A. L. Ham	J. D. Smith
L. E. Lenheim	C. L. Torrey

Plans

A. L. Ham, Chairman  
N. W. Dunn, Secretary

R. H. Adair	J. E. Edwards	D. A. McAdams	H. L. Rudy
Wesley Amundsen	H. T. Elliott	J. L. McElhany	A. H. Rulkoe tter
R. A. Anderson	A. A. Esteb	J. W. McFarland, M.D.	W. A. Scharffen- berg
V. G. Anderson	L. C. Evans	G. J. Millet	Walter Schubert
W. R. Beach	R. R. Figuhr	E. L. Minchin	C. A. Scriven
W. H. Bergherm	T. R. Flaiz, M.D.	L. L. Moffitt	James Scully
O. A. Blake	L. E. Froom	C. E. Moseley, Jr.	L. A. Skinner
G. W. Bozarth	C. E. Guenther	W. A. Nelson	J. D. Smith
W. P. Bradley	L. R. Hammill	J. J. Nethery	Francis Soper
W. H. Branson	E. B. Hare	F. D. Nichol	Carl Sundin
J. A. Buckwalter	W. J. Harris	R. H. Nightingale	W. H. Teesdale
D. Lois Burnett	C. B. Haynos	W. B. Ochs	C. L. Torrey
G. W. Chambers	G. A. Huse	A. V. Olson	G. E. Vandeman
J. E. Chase	A. W. Johnson	T. L. Oswald	H. H. Votaw
E. E. Cleveland	Louise Kleuser	G. E. Peters	B. E. Wagner
A. W. Cormack	H. W. Klaser	F. L. Peterson	E. R. Walde
E. E. Cossentine	F. B. Knight	W. E. Phillips	H. B. Weeks
C. A. Dent, M.D.	L. E. Lenheim	L. R. Rasmussen	A. L. White
E. D. Dick	H. W. Lowe	W. E. Read	F. H. Yost
E. N. Dick	R. S. Lowry	H. M. S. Richards	
L. K. Dickson	T. E. Lucas	J. I. Robison	
E. W. Dunbar	G. M. Mathews	E. E. Roenfelt	

GREETINGS:

The Secretary, W. R. Beach, then presented cabled greetings which had been received from overseas fields, which point up the solidarity of the Advent Movement and the loyalty of our members. He read a cable from the president of the Polish Union, Jozef Zielinski, containing Christian greetings and wishes of peace and grace of our Lord, and appreciation for visits of leaders from the Northern European Division. Greetings had come also from our brethren in Russia, who are one with us, in worshipping the Lord and believing in the coming of Jesus. The brethren in New Guinea have given assurance they are united with us in this work. A message from the Southern African Division states that during the last four quarters 20,725 new believers have been added to the church, and their 162,000 church members send greetings. Special greetings have been received from Southern Asia and Southern Europe.

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VOTED, That we recognize these greetings with heartfelt gratitude, and in reply assure the senders of our appreciation and our best wishes; also that we are one with them as they press on the task to the ends of the earth.

Registration cards were distributed and filled in.

#### TREASURY REPORTS:

The following statements were distributed: Statement of One-Dollar-a-Week Fund, for nine months ending September 28, 1957; Treasury Reports for the Autumn Council of 1957; and Estimated Needs for Foreign and North American Fields for 1958. The first item brought to the attention of the delegates was the Financial Statement. On request of C. L. Torrey, O. A. Blake spoke on the outstanding items in the Treasury Reports.

(The Treasury Reports for the first six months of the year are given on the following pages.)

O. A. Blake referred to the Summary of World Field Requests as given on the first page of the Estimated Needs of Foreign and North American Divisions for 1958, and stated the total budget requests for 1958 for the world field are \$23,193,867.17. C. L. Torrey stated that during the year 1956 the tithes and offerings were the largest in the history of our work. C. J. Nagele gave a brief report of the business being done by Harris Pine Mills. Their profits are approximately \$50,000 more than they were for the same period last year. The work is in the hands of good, loyal Seventh-day Adventists.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

G. W. Chambers--Fort Sam Houston, visit Servicemen, November 3-6, at government expense; Pennsylvania and Maryland, visit military installations, November 18-20;

E. W. Dunbar--Miami, Florida, National Association S.D.A. Dentists, November 1-3;

R. R. Figuhr--Michigan, Workers' Meeting, February 11-13;

H. W. Klaser--Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, National Council of Churches of Christ, December 9-11;

T. E. Lucas--New York City, Atlantic and Columbia Union Missionary Volunteer Secretaries' Council, December 10, 11;

L. R. Rasmussen--Northern California Conference, counsel re new academy, November 3, 4; Columbia Union, visit academies and attend Board meetings, November 5-20;

W. E. Read--New York and Temple Church, Jewish work and new tracts, November 1-4;

Francis Soper--New York City, Atlantic and Columbia Union Missionary Volunteer Secretaries' Council, December 9.

Announcements were made of committees called for the afternoon and Friday morning, October 25.

Adjournment was taken at 12:30 until 4:00 P.M.

The meeting closed with prayer.

R. R. Figuhr, Chairman  
W. R. Beach, Secretary  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Balance Sheet  
June 30, 1957

ASSETS

Cash, Banks & Securities (See page 3)

Cash & Banks

3 784 844 37

Securities

17 164 946 62

Totals

20 949 790 99

Accounts Receivable

Miscellaneous & Personal

311 393 48

Notes Receivable

112 000 00

Publishing Houses

398 538 40

Transportation Offices

76 910 70

Totals

898 842 58

Inventories & Prepaid Items

Accrued Bond Interest, 1-1-57

57 262 60

Deposits for Airlines, Cables, Insurance, etc

3 960 83

Esda Sales & Service Stock

158 928 76

Home Missionary Department Film

150 00

Journal of True Education

1 772 44

Office Supplies & Stock

14 797 07

Truck Expense

397 68

Totals

237 269 38

Total Assets .

22 085 902 95

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Balance Sheet  
June 30, 1957

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable		
Divisions	3 103 765 77	
Miscellaneous & Personal	281 909 46	
Publishing Houses	<u>1 551 73</u>	
Totals		3 387 226 96
Trust Funds		
Disaster & Famine Relief	393 262 46	
Miscellaneous Funds	1 191 050 96	
Sustentation	<u>4 412 969 86</u>	
Totals		5 997 283 28
Deferred Items		
Miscellaneous	2 615 60	
Unexpired Subscriptions to Ministry & True Education	<u>10 287 62</u>	
Totals		<u>12 903 22</u>
Total Liabilities		9 397 413 46

NET WORTH

Regular		
Regular Operating Capital 1-1-57	8 709 411 15	
Less: Adjustments on Previous Years	<u>36 237 26</u>	
	8 673 173 89	
Add: Net Gain for Six Months	<u>1 379 329 49</u>	
Total Regular Operating Capital June 30		10 052 503 38
Reserves		
Total Reserves from Page 4	<u>2 635 986 11</u>	
Total Net Worth		<u>12 688 489 49</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Worth		<u>22 085 902 95</u>

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Balance Sheet  
June 30, 1957

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Statement of Financial Position

Total Cash, Banks & Securities (see Page 1)		20 949 790 99
To cover the following items:		
1. Reserve Funds (see Page 4)	2 635 986 11	
2. Trust Funds (see Page 1)		
Disaster and Famine Relief	393 262 46	
Miscellaneous Trusts	1 191 050 96	
Sustentation	4 412 969 86	5 997 283 28
3. Total Accounts Payable	3 387 226 96	
Add: Deferred Items	12 903 22	
	3 400 130 18	
Less: Accounts Receivable,		
Inventories & Prepaid Items	1 136 111 96	
Liabilities unprovided for otherwise	2 264 018 22	
Total Amount of Accounts to Be Met		10 897 287 61
4. Authorized Working Capital (see below)	7 545 017 88	
Add: Excess of Actual over Authorized	2 507 485 50	
Balance of Cash & Securities Available for Working Capital		10 052 503 38

Comparison of Authorized and Actual Capital

Actual Operating Capital		
Total Current Assets		22 085 902 95
Less: Total Liabilities	9 397 413 46	
Total Reserves	2 635 986 11	12 033 399 57
Actual Working Capital, June 30, 1957		10 052 503 38
Authorized Working Capital and Fixed Reserves		
Operating Capital - 20% of 1956 Appropriations		
and operating expenses amounting to		
\$18 862 544 69; 20% equals	3 772 508 94	
Fixed Reserve - 20% of \$18 862 544 69	3 772 508 94	
Total Authorized Capital and Reserve		7 545 017 88
Actual Operating Capital Exceeds Authorized by		2 507 485 50



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Reserve Funds

Eastern Relief Warehouse	(4 502 28)*	Overdrawn
Entertainment, Servicemen Overseas	13 560 53	
Esda Sales & Service Surplus	19 039 36	
Films - Departmental and Message	84 068 74	
Foreign Exchange	282 391 17	
General Conference 1958 Session	99 022 06	
Home-Foreign and Jewish Work Surpluses	15 358 15	
Ingathering Broadcasts	6 670 73	
Latin-American Radio Production	(4 085 00)*	Overdrawn
Medical Missions Residency	20 482 85	
Ministerial Internships, Seminary	15 363 55	
Promotion Pictures	6 613 74	
Reconstruction Base, Orient	(67 699 71)*	Overdrawn
Rehabilitation Funds:		
General Fund Unassigned	137 558 97	
Publishing Houses Improvements	22 931 78	
Securities Fluctuations	1 133 550 45	
Seminary Student Travel Subsidy	15 014 55	
Servicemen's Center, San Antonio	15 092 95	
Special Appropriations Unused (from Previous Years)	132 000 00	
Special Appropriations 1957 still Unpaid	68 600 00	
Spirit of Prophecy Basic Library	27 900 41	
Textbooks	95 937 05	
Theological Seminary Buildings	481 250 00	
Various & Sundry Funds	11 258 87	
White Index	8 607 19	
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Totals	2 635 986 11	
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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Operating Statement  
For Six Months Ending June 30, 1957

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	<u>INCOME</u>		<u>Increase Decrease*</u>
<u>Tithes</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1956</u>	
North America			
Union 1% of Tithes	172 035 67	155 415 61	16 620 06
Percent of Tithes, Local Conf	3 396 554 25	3 068 132 31	328 421 94
Percent of Tithes, Special	1 596 789 95	1 552 242 70	44 547 25
Miscellaneous	14 942 15	14 715 72	226 43
	<u>5 180 322 02</u>	<u>4 790 506 34</u>	<u>389 815 68</u>
Overseas			
Regular 1% of Tithes	<u>59 446 46</u>	<u>53 701 04</u>	<u>5 745 42</u>
Total Tithes	<u>5 239 768 48</u>	<u>4 844 207 38</u>	<u>395 561 10</u>
<u>Mission Offerings</u>			
North America			
Dollar-A-Week Funds	7 265 916 70	6 822 042 25	443 874 45
Miscellaneous	4 673 39	7 971 06	3 297 67*
	<u>7 270 590 09</u>	<u>6 830 013 31</u>	<u>440 576 78</u>
Overseas			
Non-Revertibles	<u>922 038 56</u>	<u>803 087 59</u>	<u>118 950 97</u>
Total Mission Offerings	<u>8 192 628 65</u>	<u>7 633 100 90</u>	<u>559 527 75</u>
<u>Miscellaneous Funds</u>			
North America			
Legacies & Matured Annuities	24 995 10	45 425 91	20 430 81*
Miscellaneous Funds	7 897 47	12 725 30	4 827 83*
Royalties	1 167 30	1 248 81	81 51*
Securities Income	167 926 16	145 867 28	22 058 88
Specific Donations for Missions	21 215 81	21 221 26	5 45*
	<u>223 201 84</u>	<u>226 488 56</u>	<u>3 286 72*</u>
Overseas			
Ingathering & Big Week Revertible	<u>783 078 87</u>	<u>684 385 41</u>	<u>98 693 46</u>
Total Miscellaneous Funds	<u>1 006 280 71</u>	<u>910 873 97</u>	<u>95 406 74</u>
Total Income	<u>14 438 677 84</u>	<u>13 388 182 25</u>	<u>1 050 495 59</u>
Less: Total Expenses	<u>13 059 348 35</u>	<u>12 107 921 97</u>	<u>951 426 38</u>
Net Gain for Six Months	<u>1 379 329 49</u>	<u>1 280 260 28</u>	<u>99 069 21</u>

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	<u>EXPENSES</u>		Increase Decrease*
	1957	1956	
<u>Administration</u>			
Salary & Expense of Departments	543 625 79	539 516 43	4 109 36
Transportation Offices	25 387 76	26 421 63	1 033 87*
General Operating	78 073 57	75 133 24	2 940 33
Totals	647 087 12	641 071 30	6 015 82
<u>Appropriations</u>			
North America			
Regular	982 060 56	838 446 68	143 613 88
Miscellaneous & Fixed Items	461 815 70	298 634 75	163 180 95
Ingathering Overflow	2 285 295 66	2 114 508 15	170 787 51
Comeback Funds (18.4%)	627 493 66	598 261 33	29 232 33
No Amer Missions, Ingath etc Rev	46 799 25	46 441 71	357 54
Non-Tithe Funds Exchanged	1 596 789 95	1 552 242 70	44 547 25
Totals	6 000 254 78	5 448 535 32	551 719 46
Overseas			
Regular	5 102 945 04	4 824 483 96	278 461 08
Miscellaneous & Fixed Items	283 967 07	317 550 94	33 583 87*
Ingathering & Big Week Reverted	783 078 87	684 385 41	98 693 46
Special Reversions, Central Europe	119 739 73	111 304 52	8 435 21
Specific Mission Donations Paid	21 215 81	21 221 26	5 45*
Spring in Tithes & Offerings	85 845 71	57 075 76	28 769 95
Totals	6 396 792 23	6 016 021 85	380 770 38
Miscellaneous			
Field Counsellors	11 470 88	-	11 470 88
Harris Pine Mills Asst Manager Exp	2 439 59	2 293 50	146 09
Oakwood Financial Advisor	1 303 75	-	1 303 75
Totals	15 214 22	2 293 50	12 920 72
Total Expenses	<u>13 059 348 35</u>	<u>12 107 921 97</u>	<u>951 426 38</u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
 Forty-, Fifty-, Sixty-, Seventy-, Eighty Cents and Dollar-A-Week Funds  
 Raised from 1934 - 1956, less Reverted Funds  
 North American Division Only

Year	Alaska etc Reversions Memo Only	Funds Raised For Missions	Basis of Membership	Cents per Week per Member	Comeback Funds 18.4%	Ingathering & Big Week Overflows
1934	13 809 90	1 898 971 67	135 672	.269	302 639 79	-
1935	14 723 54	2 020 227 87	143 777	.270	321 967 33	-
1936	18 252 82	2 195 087 77	151 216	.278	348 293 59	36 351 79
1937	19 504 39	2 366 557 84	155 964	.292	423 498 19	44 627 51
	66 290 65	8 480 845 15			1 396 398 90	80 979 30
1938	21 370 07	2 346 628 96	160 810	.275	427 847 63	54 048 15
1939	22 121 94	2 420 026 98	164 310	.283	441 214 52	66 203 92
1940	18 588 46	2 693 203 10	169 815	.305	492 129 09	84 557 44
1941	24 056 71	3 108 243 01	175 894	.340	499 030 77	223 237 51
	86 137 18	10 568 102 05			1 860 222 01	428 047 02
1942	42 052 88	3 695 547 98	183 033	.388	580 500 17	299 161 72
1943	54 807 97	4 814 205 77	189 566	.488	743 944 16	429 733 81
1944	66 230 15	5 622 591 46	198 955	.533	844 996 39	578 393 77
1945	68 431 64	6 022 259 88	203 217	.570	877 781 69	709 965 36
	231 522 64	20 154 605 09			3 047 222 41	2 017 254 66
1946	54 510 57	6 634 309 11	209 193	.610	945 625 23	864 318 59
1947	62 163 10	6 550 882 31	215 451	.585	913 425 95	914 668 64
1948	53 570 73	6 990 903 04	223 062	.603	952 981 24	1 054 851 87
1949	47 577 78	7 282 781 14	230 595	.596	966 352 54	1 189 972 44
	217 822 18	27 458 875 60			3 778 384 96	4 023 811 54
1950	47 379 26	7 534 372 64	237 917	.609	986 336 86	1 273 880 19
1951	50 901 25	8 051 853 61	245 334	.631	1 033 818 04	1 429 425 64
1952	52 538 50	8 577 168 42	253 933	.650	1 096 937 97	1 536 600 27
1953	58 725 55	9 050 787 46	263 164	.661	1 110 419 76	1 771 930 89
	209 544 56	33 214 182 13			4 227 512 63	6 011 836 99
1954	60 703 23	9 330 969 08	270 808	.663	1 133 289 08	1 865 847 35
1955	58 770 95	9 897 694 67	279 085	.669	1 192 899 75	2 013 377 21
1956	58 543 88	10 410 233 25	288 588	.694	1 237 029 27	2 174 396 30
	178 018 06	29 638 897 00			3 563 218 10	6 053 620 86

Quadrennial Period	Mission Funds	Less Comeback & Overflows	Net Available For Missions	Percent Net For Missions
1930 - 1933	8 628 943 96	1 275 583 30	7 353 360 66	85.22
1934 - 1937	8 480 845 15	1 477 378 20	7 003 466 95	82.58
1938 - 1941	10 568 102 05	2 288 269 03	8 279 833 02	78.35
1942 - 1945	20 154 605 09	5 064 477 07	15 090 128 02	74.87
1946 - 1949	27 458 875 60	7 802 196 50	19 656 679 10	71.59
1950 - 1953	33 214 182 13	10 239 349 62	22 974 832 51	69.17
1954 - 1956 (3 yrs)	29 638 897 00	9 616 838 96	20 022 058 04	67.55
Totals for 27 years	138 144 450 98	37 764 092 68	100 380 358 30	72.66
Average per year	5 116 461 15	1 398 670 10	3 717 791 05	
Average Percent for 27 years	100.00	27.34	72.66	

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Ingathering Benefit to Missions  
North American Division Only

Unions	1933 Net	1954 Net	1955 Net	1956 Net
Atlantic	64 660 40	168 773 46	177 472 51	188 353 27
Canadian	28 250 26	96 836 70	97 964 81	107 387 44
Central	41 304 45	131 507 41	132 122 77	142 397 55
Columbia	78 379 26	313 300 02	332 818 43	334 814 94
Lake	37 015 22	253 690 23	260 901 13	271 548 14
Northern	-	77 618 26	84 189 68	83 042 66
North Pacific	32 107 02	141 673 72	151 819 00	153 165 48
Pacific	96 991 28	304 695 11	315 674 01	331 064 18
Southern	32 546 61	249 606 16	264 675 75	286 667 61
Southwestern	18 089 43	126 303 16	145 677 99	168 567 96
Net Ingathering Available to Missions	<u>429 343 93</u>	<u>1 864 004 23</u>	<u>1 963 316 08</u>	<u>2 067 009 23</u>
Increase over Previous Year	-	64 699 98	99 311 85	103 693 15
Total Ingathering	511 123 73	3 928 780 40	4 175 204 21	4 434 142 46
Less: Net Ingathering Available for Missions	<u>429 343 93</u>	<u>1 864 004 23</u>	<u>1 963 316 08</u>	<u>2 067 009 23</u>
Reverted to Unions (Includes 18.4% Comeback)	81 779 80	2 064 776 17	2 211 888 13	2 367 133 23
Percentage of Ingathering Reverted to Unions	16.0	52.6	53.0	53.4

Ingathering by Divisions  
Years 1929, 1932, and 1956

Division	1929	Depression Low 1932	1956	Total Receipts 1908 - 1956
Australasia	78 100 15	63 793 55	273 103 46	4 083 381 62
Central Europe	87 031 61	85 556 95	61 769 73	1 111 246 26
*China 1931 - 1954	-	17 889 45	-	1 388 910 43
Far East	57 024 93	17 154 08	149 161 91	1 956 812 46
Inter-America	29 851 69	19 540 39	210 781 17	2 573 259 04
Middle East 1946 -	-	-	8 479 77	55 283 75
North America	851 416 55	528 710 69	4 434 142 46	59 003 030 49
Northern Europe	92 489 65	73 164 31	356 477 56	5 437 766 20
South America	34 168 76	27 775 75	163 559 03	2 778 407 40
Southern Africa	27 186 15	24 086 53	228 418 29	3 395 542 50
Southern Asia	5 246 05	8 825 71	63 678 25	850 970 68
Southern Europe	42 323 29	46 512 06	111 265 50	1 598 224 99
Europe to 1928	-	-	-	1 014 473 35
Totals	<u>1 304 838 83</u>	<u>913 009 47</u>	<u>6 060 837 13</u>	<u>85 247 309 17</u>

\*South China Island Union, Receipts 1951 - 1954 included in China.  
Beginning with 1955 included in Far East.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Amount of Mission Offerings for \$1 Tithe  
Years 1899 - 1956  
(North America Only)

1899	.154	1928	.662
1900	.302	1929	.646
1901	.334	1930	.676
1902	.283	1931	.679
1903	.241	1932	.672
1904	.245	1933	.623
1905	.225	1934	.588
1906	.213	1935	.561
1907	.279	1936	.532
1908	.316	1937	.514
1909	.358	1938	.502
1910	.384	1939	.494
1911	.358	1940	.499
1912	.409	1941	.468
1913	.416	1942	.412
1914	.485	1943	.405
1915	.528	1944	.401
1916	.477	1945	.398
1917	.468	1946	.407
1918	.620	1947	.381
1919	.480	1948	.362
1920	.590	1949	.369
1921	.663	1950	.357
1922	.670	1951	.333
1923	.635	1952	.326
1924	.625	1953	.322
1925	.622	1954	.325
1926	.673	1955	.310
1927	.650	1956	.311

1956 Total Tithes 33 492 602 24

1956 Total Mission Offerings 10 423 807 75

If we had given in Offerings, on the same relationship of Offerings to Tithes as we did in 1931, in 1956 we could have had \$22 741 476 92; or \$12 317 669 17 more for Missions than we did have.

## AUTUMN COUNCIL

Two Hundred Twenty-fifth Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 24, 1957, 4:00 P.M.

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The second business meeting of the Council convened at 4:00 P.M. with prayer by J. J. Nethery.

## AGENDA ITEMS:

Agenda items were assigned to various committees.

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 1958:

VOTED, That the Chair, in consultation with the Secretary, appoint a committee to study the schedule of conventions and councils to be authorized for 1958, and report back to the Autumn Council. Committee appointed: L. K. Dickson, R. R. Figuhr, W. B. Ochs, W. R. Beach, N. W. Dunn, and Union Conference Presidents.

## STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1956:

H. W. Klaser, Statistical Secretary, presented the ninety-fourth Annual Statistical Report of Seventh-day Adventists, calling particular attention to encouraging items in our various fields of church endeavor. The total number added to the Church by baptism and profession of faith during the year 1956 was 82,925--78.6 per cent overseas, and 21.4 per cent in North America. The net gain in membership for the year 1956 was 45,234, of which 85.55 per cent was overseas, and 14.45 per cent in North America. The denominational tithes and offerings for the entire world amounted to \$74.40 per capita, an increase of \$2.16 per capita over the previous year. Per capita giving in North America for the last year was \$202.02, an unprecedented figure and a higher annual per capita giving than any other Protestant denomination.

A comparison of interest to the delegates was the fact presented that during the year 1956 the increase in church membership in overseas divisions was 4,487 more than for the previous year, and that with 250 fewer evangelistic workers; while in North America the increase in membership was 318 under the figure for the previous year, although 220 more evangelistic workers were employed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR SANITARIUMS  
AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

H. W. Klaser, Statistical Secretary, presented financial summaries and analyses of North American sanitariums, academies, and colleges for the year 1956-'57.

## SDA COMMENTARY COMPLETED:

F. D. Nichol reported that the seventh and last volume of the SDA Commentary is now on the press on schedule, within five years from its

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beginning. Each volume has a total of over a thousand pages, complete with colored maps, drawings, and very extensive index. It is felt that several plans have helped to make the project a success--choosing as writers Bible teachers from colleges and the Seminary; enlisting the helpful criticisms on the galley pages of other of our denominational Bible scholars; checking with all our former publications, all the writings of the Spirit of prophecy, and all archaeological findings--even the most recent; giving frank, tentative statements where information is varied; the consecration and assistance of all co-operating. They did not create an Adventist theology by the preparation of the Commentary, but they have endeavored to discover the consensus of thought and opinion.

#### 1958 AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee of seven to study the plan for the Autumn Council of 1958--the time, the place, and the attendance. Committee appointed: R. R. Figuhr, A. L. Ham, C. A. Scriven, F. W. Schnepfer, D. R. Rees, V. G. Anderson, R. H. Nightingale.

#### EXPANSION GRADUATE PROGRAM WALLA WALLA COLLEGE-- REPORT OF SURVEY COMMITTEE:

The following recommendations from the General Conference Officers were adopted:

We recommend, That the following report of the Survey Committee regarding the Expansion of the Graduate Program at Walla Walla College be approved:

"One of the great needs of the Church is for an adequate corps of well-trained teachers who will serve the ever-increasing number of students in the schools of the Church. This need, together with increasing need of upgrading our teachers to meet state and national requirements, the growing desire of Adventist youth for graduate education, and the responsibility of the Church to provide opportunities for graduate study within the framework of the Church, causes Walla Walla College to request authorization to expand the graduate program to include chemistry and history.

"The Survey Committee recognizes the following implications:

"1. Presently, a minimum of four teachers would be required for an adequate graduate program in chemistry. In history, the full-time services of at least two teachers and the part-time services of another would be required. It is believed that the above number of teachers is the minimum. Increases in the undergraduate enrollment would necessitate employment of additional staff.

"2. Recognizing that adequate library resources are the sine qua non of graduate education, it would be necessary to provide within the next two years \$5,000 for each of the departments, this amount to be in addition to the present library budget.

"3. An additional budget for laboratory equipment and teaching aids, sufficient to meet the needs of the advanced program, would be required.



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"4. It is understood that adequate space for research will be provided in the planned expansion of the Chemistry Building.

"5. Recognizing that graduate education is expensive and will not support itself, increased subsidies should be provided by the Board.

"6. With the increased emphasis of science and technology in modern society, it is recognized that many opportunities for research grants are available which would materially enhance our total program.

"7. It is recognized that the operation of an adequate graduate program requires the strengthening of other supporting departments within the College.

"8. It will be recognized that a graduate program will necessitate provision of opportunities for creative research on the part of the staff.

"In view of the needs of the field, the necessity of upgrading present preparation level of our in-service teachers, the growing interest of our youth in graduate study, and the responsibility of the Church to provide opportunities for such study, a survey of the resources and facilities of Walla Walla College, and the willingness of the Board of Trustees of the College to support a graduate program;

"We recommend, That Walla Walla College be authorized to offer graduate programs in chemistry and history to the Master's degree level."

Adjourned until 10:15 Friday morning, October 25.

Prayer: D. R. Rees.

H. L. Rudy, Chairman  
H. T. Elliott, Secretary  
Marjorie Marsh, Assistant Recording  
Secretary

#### AUTUMN COUNCIL

Two Hundred Twenty-sixth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 25, 1957, 10:15 A.M.

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The third business meeting of the Council was opened with prayer by T. Carcich. A. L. Ham in the Chair.

The Council recessed to give time for a meeting of the International Insurance Company called at this hour.

#### INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY:

H. L. Rudy took the Chair, and called to order the meeting of the International Insurance Company. Opportunity was given for the distribution of

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the Financial Statements of the International Insurance Company and the General Conference Insurance Service, an informative statement entitled "Denominational Properties can Burn!", also a copy of the Insurance Highlights, which contained a letter to denominational administrators re brochures to be provided giving insurance data. Statistics and Financial Statements were then presented by J. W. Pecke, and these were accepted to be recorded in the minutes of the Company. Action was taken referring to the Nominating Committee of the Council the filling of vacancies on the Board of Directors, it being stated that the term of office for the following persons expires this year: W. R. Beach, H. T. Elliott, H. L. Rudy, and C. L. Torrey.

Adjournment was taken at 10:55 A.M. until 10:15 A.M., October 28, 1957.

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#### INTERNATIONAL TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION:

A. L. Ham, as Vice-Chairman, called to order the meeting of the International Temperance Association. Dr. W. H. Beaven, in the absence of W. A. Scharffenberg, reported on world activities by the Secretaries and workers of the International Temperance Association. He gave a wonderfully inspirational report, and action was taken expressing to Doctor Beaven appreciation for the efforts being made in behalf of the International Temperance Association on his part, and thanks to the University for allowing him to continue his services also in the Temperance work. Jesse O. Gibson presented the Financial Statements for the International Temperance Association, which indicated a net worth of \$6,873.75 as of December 31, 1956. F. Brennwald read the Auditor's Statement, which was accepted.

The meeting of the International Temperance Association adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

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#### AMERICAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY:

A meeting of the American Temperance Society was called to order by H. L. Rudy, Chairman. Dr. W. H. Beaven introduced two new Associate Secretaries of the Temperance office: Jesse O. Gibson and James V. Scully; and also Francis A. Soper, Editor of Listen Magazine. Francis A. Soper in giving a brief report on his work stated that the Temperance office is endeavoring to place Listen in the hands of prominent clergymen throughout the United States. He also spoke of the plan to issue Listen bimonthly, beginning with the year 1958. James V. Scully briefly reported on the work he is carrying of developing leaders in the Temperance work. He presented by recording an appealing statement from a young man who is totally blind because of having taken too much alcohol. It is planned to use this recording in temperance work among young people.

Dr. W. H. Beaven referred to other developments in promoting temperance, speaking especially of the encouraging results following the Institutes of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism. Jesse O. Gibson presented the Financial Statements for the American Temperance Society, the total net worth as of December 31, 1956 being \$31,442.81, and it was voted to accept the Auditor's Statement. R. R. Figuhr expressed his conviction that the effectiveness of the Temperance work is largely due to the distribution of the

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literature issued. He voiced the hope that co-operation will be given in circulating this good literature and the films on tobacco and alcohol.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

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The Council resumed its work.

#### UNIVERSITY--ADDITIONAL SCHOLASTIC OFFERINGS:

The University Board presented a request for authorization to present additional offerings. It was

VOTED, (1) That authorization be given to the University to offer the Master's degree with a major in history; and (2) also to offer speech as a supporting field.

#### UNIVERSITY--NAME OF:

E. D. Dick reported briefly on the efforts made to give a proper name to the School of Graduate Studies, and the fact that the name Adventist University had not received a favorable reception in the field, especially overseas. Some have advised that it be given a geographical name. The University Board having been authorized to give further study to an appropriate name, it was

VOTED, To adopt the recommendation of the University Board that the name of the School of Graduate Studies be the Potomac University.

#### PROMOTION FOR REVIEW AND HERALD:

Opportunity was given R. J. Christian, Periodical Department Manager of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, to speak briefly regarding the Review and Herald. He spoke of the plan to report the General Conference session in the Review and Herald for 1958, also of various methods being used to promote the circulation of the paper. In contributing in 1958 seventeen million pages of the official reports of the General Conference session the Review and Herald Publishing Association will be rendering the field a real service. He solicited the co-operation of the leaders in speaking a word in behalf of the Review. Complimentary copies of ~~the~~ Review and Herald were distributed.

The importance of having the Review and Herald in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist was stressed also by W. R. Beach. From personal experiences he stated that it is one of the most vital links in holding our churches together, and holding our members in the Church.

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Recommendations from the Committee on Working Policy were adopted as follows:

#### BASIC RATE FOR PHYSICIANS:

We recommend, 1. That paragraph 18 of the Sustentation Policy be revised by adjusting the basic rate for physicians to read (last 2 lines),

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"As may be in excess of the basic rate for physicians according to the current wage scale."

2. That the last sentence reading, "This policy shall become effective as from January 1, 1952," be deleted.

#### AMORTIZATION ON ALLOWANCES UNDER

##### MEDICAL APPOINTEES RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM:

We recommend, 1. That the following paragraph be added on page 106 of the Working Policy and that it be numbered paragraph 8; the following numbering to be revised accordingly:

"The General Conference and the overseas division concerned concurrently shall amortize the assistance given under this program on the basis of  $12\frac{1}{2}$  per cent per year for each year the appointee serves in overseas mission service."

2. That the first sentence of the present paragraph 9 (new numbering, paragraph 10), be revised to read, "In the event the resident physician does not enter denominational service upon the completion of the residency, the moving expense to the place of residency and salary above the institution's regular resident rate shall be refunded to the General Conference by the resident within a maximum period of five years after the completion of the residency."

#### RESIDENCY PLAN FOR FURLOUGHING PHYSICIANS:

We recommend, 1. That the first part of the sentence on page 172 of the Working Policy, paragraph 4 (second part) reading, "In view of this longer period of study," be deleted. The rest of the paragraph to remain as is.

2. That paragraph 8, p. 172 be revised to read, "not less than twenty per cent per year," instead of  $12\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.

3. That the following new paragraph to be numbered 9 be added to page 172, "The overseas division shall amortize its portion of the assistance under this policy on the basis of 20 per cent per year for each year the appointee serves in overseas mission service following receiving the benefits of this policy."

Further recommendations from the General Conference Officers were considered, and with amendment adopted as follows:

#### INDIVIDUALS TO BE TRAINED IN

##### GEOLOGY AND PALEONTOLOGY:

WHEREAS, There is a need for giving selected individuals additional training in the fields of geology and paleontology in our colleges;

We recommend, 1. That arrangements be made to send two mature, experienced men of proved loyalty, to take special studies in the above-mentioned fields in qualified institutions for advanced study.

2. That the expense connected therewith be borne by the General Conference on the basis of the Graduate Study Policy now in effect.

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3. That a budget of \$13,500 be provided to cover the cost involved during the first year.

4. That a committee of seven be appointed by the General Conference to discharge the following duties:

a. To recommend to the General Conference Committee for approval the names of the individuals who should undertake this program of study.

b. To give the necessary guidance to these men in their study program.

c. To make such recommendation as may be necessary to implement the progressive development of the program.

d. To administer the budget provided for this purpose.

5. That the committee be nominated by the Officers and elected by the General Conference Committee composed of representatives from the following:

a. The Officer group--3

b. The Department of Education--2

c. The University--2

The General Conference Officers and Union Presidents presented a series of recommendations, which with amendments were adopted as follows:

#### SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO WORKERS

##### BY OUR MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS:

We recommend, To our medical institutions that as regards charges, special consideration be given to our denominational workers, and that the boards of these institutions give study to this matter with a view to adopting a plan whereby special discounts can be given to denominational workers, including those on Sustentation, recognizing the fact that in view of special area conditions it is difficult to develop a general policy applying to all institutions.

##### POLIO INOCULATIONS:

In view of the fact that polio inoculations have proved to be of great benefit to all who may be subjected to polio infection,

We recommend, That all our organizations, including the General Conference, provide for polio inoculations for each worker requesting them, and that the worker be authorized to report the full charge for these inoculations.

#### NASHVILLE AGRICULTURAL AND NORMAL INSTITUTE (MADISON COLLEGE)--SUSTENTATION:

We recommend, That the following paragraph be inserted in the Sustentation Policy immediately following paragraph 61:

"The continuity of a worker's service shall not be considered broken, when, by consent or recommendation of the organization employing him, or by

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regular call or transfer handled through denominational channels, after at least twenty years of service in denominational work, he discontinues his connection with the organized work and accepts employment at the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute, at Madison, Tennessee; but, except as provided in paragraph 61 above, the time spent in the employ of this self-supporting institution shall not be counted as service on which sustentation eligibility or rates shall be based should he later find it necessary to apply for sustentation benefits. It is understood that this provision does not apply to any other self-supporting institution or unit, even though it be related to Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute."

#### SURVEY OF GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF:

We recommend, That the Autumn Council appoint a committee to survey the General Conference staff with a view to making recommendations on its size and the character of the work that it is to render in the field, to the Home and Overseas Officers at their meeting prior to the 1958 General Conference session, and to the session.

#### PRE-SESSION MINISTERIAL INSTITUTES:

We recommend, 1. That the Ministerial Association Advisory Committee be authorized to meet on June 16 and 17 at Cleveland preceding the General Conference session, and that the members of the Advisory Committee who will be attending the General Conference session, and the union presidents and union evangelists who are appointed delegates to the session be invited to this meeting.

2. That authorization be given for the holding of a Ministerial Council in Cleveland, June 18 and 19, and that this Council deal with practical instruction in evangelism, opportunity being given for reports from successful evangelists, and discussion of methods to be employed for better results.

3. That a large gathering be not planned for, but that the union and local conference presidents and the union evangelists and other ministers in evangelistic or pastoral work who are appointed as delegates to the session be urged to attend.

4. That the Ministerial Association staff, in counsel with the available members of the Advisory Committee, plan for these meetings and that all information pertaining thereto be sent to the field through the union and local conference presidents.

Announcements followed concerning the afternoon, Sabbath, and Sunday morning meetings, and committees called.

Adjournment was taken at 12:30 P.M. until 10:15 Sunday morning, October 27.

Prayer of dismissal by A. W. Cormack.

A. L. Ham, Chairman  
E. W. Dunbar, Secretary  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

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## SABBATH MEETINGS

L. C. Evans, president of the Southwestern Union, spoke in the Takoma Park Church on Sabbath morning, October 26, at the eleven o'clock hour; and T. Carcich, president of the Central Union, spoke in the Sligo Church at the same hour.

On Sabbath afternoon, at 4:00 P.M., a Symposium on Missions was given in the Sligo Church. W. R. Beach had charge of this meeting and was assisted by four Associate Secretaries, W. P. Bradley, N. W. Dunn, E. W. Dunbar, and E. E. Roenfelt. A number of missionaries on furlough, several of whom are in attendance at the SDA Theological Seminary, contributed to the Symposium. Costumes worn by these missionaries added color and interest. The importance of the task assigned to us as followers of Christ in giving the gospel to others was stressed. Many items of progress and incidents of interest were given. V. G. Anderson, president of the Columbia Union, told of forward-looking plans being carried out in this field in evangelistic endeavors. A short vesper service closed the meeting.

## AUTUMN COUNCIL

Two Hundred Twenty-seventh Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, 1957, 10:15 A.M.

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The fourth business meeting of the Council was opened with the song "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and prayer by Frederick Leo.

Recommendations from the General Conference Officers and Union Conference Presidents were adopted as amended, as follows:

## GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION DELEGATES--ALLOWANCES:

We recommend, That the following financial provisions be made for delegates to the 1958 General Conference session which is to be held in Cleveland, Ohio:

I. For members of the General Conference Committee resident in North America and heads of associations, commissions, and services who may be appointed by the General Conference Committee to represent their particular work at the session and who may be accompanied by their wives:

## 1. If traveling by automobile:

- a. One full first-class railway fare each way.
- b. One Pullman section each way.
- c. Travel allowance at \$7.00 daily for the round trip, the allowance to be calculated on the basis of 450 miles or major fraction thereof daily by direct route.

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- d. Hotel room rent and \$7.00 daily while in Cleveland, including pre- and postsession meetings at which attendance is required.
- e. Garage rent at \$1.50 a day during the session, up to a maximum of \$20.00 for the entire time spent in Cleveland.
- f. No allowance of any kind for children.

2. If traveling by rail:

- a. One clergy rail fare each way for the husband or one first-class round-trip fare if he does not hold clergy certificate; one first-class round-trip fare for the wife, or one clergy fare each way if she holds clergy.
- b. One Pullman section each way.
- c. Travel allowance at \$7.00 daily for the round trip, the allowance to be calculated on the basis of the most direct route.
- d. Hotel room rent and \$7.00 daily while in Cleveland, including pre- and postsession meetings at which attendance is required.
- e. No allowance of any kind for children.

II. For members of the General Conference Committee resident in North America and heads of associations, commissions, and services who may be appointed by the General Conference Committee to represent their particular work at the session and who are unaccompanied by their wives:

(1) If traveling by automobile:

Travel expense in harmony with the usual policy, including travel allowance at \$4.00 daily for the round trip, the allowance to be calculated at 450 miles or major fraction thereof daily by direct route.

(2) If traveling by rail:

Travel expense in harmony with the usual policy.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--

ALLOWANCES TO OFFICE STAFF:

We recommend, That members of the General Conference Office Staff who may attend the session be granted allowances as follows:

I. To those who may be sent to the session for special duties but who are not members of the Committee nor heads of departments to be represented at the session:

(1) If traveling by automobile:

- a. One first-class round-trip rail fare, one lower Pullman each way, two days' travel allowance at \$4.00 daily.
- b. Hotel room in Cleveland at single rate during time services are required.
- c. Daily allowance of \$4.00 while in Cleveland during the time services are required.

(2) If traveling by rail:

Same as (1), but two days' travel allowance for the round trip at \$4.00 daily.

II. To those members of the General Conference Office Staff whose services are not required at the session, but who request and are permitted to attend



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and can arrange for a vacation of two weeks in order to do so: Cash allowance the equivalent of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cents a mile, and \$35.00, with the understanding that at least one week is actually spent at the session (including pre-session meetings), absence from the office beyond two-weeks' vacation time to be without salary; that  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cents a mile and \$35.00 be the maximum grant in cases where both husband and wife are in the denominational employ and both attend the session on a vacation basis.

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--FIELD ALLOWANCES TO NONDELEGATES:

We recommend, That the provisions in the General Conference Session--Allowances to Office Staff, paragraph II, serve as a pattern in making arrangements for allowances to be granted to workers in the field who are authorized to attend the General Conference session or pre-session as non-delegates.

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--

##### FURLOUGH WORKERS AND OVERSEAS NATIONAL DELEGATES:

We recommend, That the following suggestions be made to overseas divisions:

1. Allowances to workers on furlough in North America who are sent as delegates by their divisions be as follows:

a. If accompanied by wife, two round-trip rail clergy fares with Pullman section and daily allowance of \$7.00. If travel is by automobile, daily allowance to be calculated at 450 miles daily by the most direct route. Hotel and daily allowance while at the session to be cared for by the General Conference on the same basis as delegates from the General Conference. All travel expense to be met by the division concerned. No allowances of any kind for children.

b. If the delegate is alone, regular clergy rail fare under the policy with hotel room at single rate and daily allowance at \$4.00.

2. That the division deal directly in each case of a worker on furlough who is not a delegate to the session.

3. That the division concerned make arrangements for the outfitting and travel expense of overseas nationals attending the session as delegates.

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--STAFF HOUSING:

We recommend, That a General Conference staff member whose family, including dependent children, attends the session with him, be permitted to use other accommodations than the Hotel Cleveland with the understanding that he may report the cost of such other accommodation up to a maximum of \$12.00 per day.

#### PRESESSION DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS--ATTENDANCE:

Inasmuch as the Educational, Home Missionary, Medical, Missionary Volunteer, Publishing, Radio and Television, and Sabbath School Departments, American Temperance Society, Ministerial Association, National Service Commission, Bureau of Public Relations, and Auditors have requested the privilege of holding pre-session departmental meetings;

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We recommend, 1. That all of the above Departments hold their departmental meetings between the dates Monday, June 16, and Thursday, June 19; the Officers and the Department leaders to work out the program schedule for these meetings.

2. That these meetings be held on the basis of representation from the General, Division, and Union Conferences, it being understood, however, that local conference men who are authorized to attend the General Conference session may be invited to participate in these meetings.

#### TELEVISION EVANGELISTIC FILMS--

##### "IT IS WRITTEN":

R. R. Figuhr commented on the new evangelistic films, a total of thirty, out of a planned fifty-two, which have been finished. The films in this series entitled "It Is Written," are designed for use in connection with evangelistic meetings. Elder Figuhr introduced W. O. Reynolds who spoke briefly regarding the organizational plans for the Washington area, where the television films are at present being tested. Members of the Washington area churches are participating in the various methods of contacting the interested people, and it is hoped that large numbers of enrollments in the Bible Course will result. In early spring a series of three-week decision meetings will be held for those who are interested. Television station and newspapers have cooperated wholeheartedly.

#### SMALL CONFERENCE FUND:

We recommend, That the present plan of aid to smaller conferences be continued, and that the appropriation from the Small Conference Fund for 1958 be as follows:

(See following page.)

Recommendations from the Finance Committee were adopted as follows:

(See pages 1012-1014.)

#### MILLION-DOLLAR OFFERING:

A recommendation from the Officers and Union <sup>Conference</sup> Presidents regarding the Million-Dollar Offering, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The holding of the General Conference session in the year 1958 will furnish a special opportunity to approach all our people with an appeal for world advance in evangelism and a larger work in the mission fields,

We recommend, 1. That a general offering be taken in all of our churches on Sabbath, June 7, and at the General Conference session on Sabbath, June 21, this offering to be known as "World Evangelism and Missions Advance."

2. That this offering take the place for the year 1958 only of the Missions Advance Offering and the Midsummer Offering.

3. That the overall goal for this offering be one million dollars.

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Distribution of 1958  
AID TO SMALLER CONFERENCES FUND

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>Totals</u>
ATLANTIC UNION				
Bermuda	1 700 00		2 500 00	
Northern New England	<u>5 000 00</u>	6 700 00	10 000 00	12 500 00
CANADIAN UNION				
Alberta	6 000 00		10 000 00	
Manitoba-Saskatchewan	8 700 00		10 000 00	
Maritime	5 600 00		10 000 00	
Newfoundland	3 500 00		2 500 00	
St. Lawrence Mission	<u>3 500 00</u>	27 300 00	<u>2 500 00</u>	35 000 00
CENTRAL UNION				
Central States	12 000 00		10 000 00	
Wyoming	<u>12 400 00</u>	24 400 00	<u>10 000 00</u>	20 000 00
COLUMBIA UNION				
West Pennsylvania	5 500 00		10 000 00	
West Virginia	<u>9 500 00</u>	15 000 00	10 000 00	20 000 00
NORTHERN UNION				
North Dakota	3 000 00		10 000 00	
South Dakota	<u>7 000 00</u>	10 000 00	<u>10 000 00</u>	20 000 00
NORTH PACIFIC UNION				
Alaska	4 300 00		2 500 00	
Idaho	2 500 00		10 000 00	
Montana	<u>7 000 00</u>	13 800 00	<u>10 000 00</u>	22 500 00
PACIFIC UNION				
Arizona	5 500 00		10 000 00	
Hawaii	7 500 00		2 500 00	
Nevada-Utah	<u>9 500 00</u>	22 500 00	10 000 00	22 500 00
SOUTHERN UNION				
South Central	10 000 00	10 000 00	10 000 00	10 000 00
SOUTHWESTERN UNION				
Southwest Region	8 800 00		10 000 00	
Texico	<u>8 500 00</u>	<u>17 300 00</u>	<u>10 000 00</u>	<u>20 000 00</u>
Totals		147 000 00		182 500 00
Grand Total				<u><u>147 000 00</u></u>
				329 500 00

COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS  
1958 Building Fund Allotments

We recommend, That the following be the College of Medical  
Evangelists Building Fund Allotments for 1958:

<u>Unions</u>	<u>1956 Net Tithes</u>	<u>1958 Allotments</u>
Atlantic	2 455 186 04	7 088 35
Canadian	1 078 616 10	3 114 07
Central	2 030 855 98	5 863 27
Columbia	4 497 081 80	12 983 49
Lake	4 080 471 51	11 780 70
Northern	1 112 041 59	3 210 57
North Pacific	3 936 658 64	11 365 50
Pacific		60 000 00
Southern	3 435 431 77	9 918 41
Southwestern	1 619 498 82	4 675 64
Totals	24 245 842 25	130 000 00

<u>Sanitariums</u>	<u>1956 Gross Patient Income</u>	
Boulder	421 086 26	265 92
Florida	1 352 985 55	854 42
Forsyth	178 384 52	112 65
Glendale	3 090 719 50	1 951 81
Hinsdale	1 897 307 16	1 198 16
New England	686 683 69	433 65
Paradise Valley	1 139 123 26	719 36
Porter	1 595 514 50	1 007 58
Portland	1 687 896 15	1 065 92
Rest Haven	181 634 96	114 70
St. Helena	908 786 44	573 90
Walker Memorial	317 027 84	200 20
Walla Walla	393 199 92	248 31
Washington (D. C.)	1 984 805 68	1 253 42
Totals	15 835 155 43	10 000 00
General Conference		90 000 00
Total Allotments		230 000 00

## SERVICEMEN'S CENTERS 1958 ALLOTMENTS

We recommend, That the following be the allotments for the Servicemen's Centers for the year 1958, based on 1956 tithes:

<u>Unions</u>	<u>1956 Net Tithes</u>	<u>San Antonio</u>	<u>Alaska</u>
Atlantic	2 455 186 04	842 44	130 20
Central	2 030 855 98	696 84	107 69
Columbia	4 497 081 80	1 543 06	238 47
Lake	4 080 471 51	1 400 12	216 38
Northern	1 112 041 59	381 57	58 97
North Pacific	3 936 658 64	1 350 77	208 75
Pacific	8 890 990 78	3 050 73	471 48
Southern	3 435 431 77	1 178 78	182 18
Southwestern	1 619 498 82	555 69	85 88
	<u>32 058 216 93</u>	<u>11 000 00</u>	<u>1 700 00</u>

## RADIO AND TELEVISION ALLOTMENTS

We recommend, That the following be the allotments for Radio and Television for 1958, based on 1956 tithes:

<u>Unions</u>	<u>1956 Net Tithe</u>	<u>.36%</u>	<u>Radio</u>	<u>Television</u>
Atlantic	2 455 186 04	8 838 67	1 264 49	7 574 18
Canadian	1 078 616 10	3 883 02	555 51	3 327 51
Central	2 030 855 98	7 311 08	1 045 95	6 265 13
Columbia	4 497 081 80	16 189 49	2 316 12	13 873 37
Lake	4 080 471 51	14 689 70	2 101 56	12 588 14
Northern	1 112 041 59	4 003 35	572 73	3 430 62
North Pacific	3 936 658 64	14 171 97	2 027 39 44	12 144 48
Pacific	8 890 990 78	32 007 57	4 579 12	27 428 45
Southern	3 435 431 77	12 367 55	1 769 34	10 598 21
Southwestern	1 619 498 82	5 830 20	834 09	4 996 11
	<u>33 136 833 03</u>	<u>119 292 60</u>	<u>17 066 40</u>	<u>102 226 20</u>

## AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY 1958 ALLOTMENTS

We recommend, That the following be the allotments for 1958:

<u>Union</u>	<u>1956 Net Tithes</u>	<u>Allotment</u>
Atlantic	2 455 186 04	926 15
Canadian	1 078 616 10	406 88
Central	2 030 855 98	766 09
Columbia	4 497 081 80	1 696 41
Lake	4 080 471 51	1 539 25
Northern	1 112 041 59	419 49
North Pacific	3 936 658 64	1 485 00
Pacific	8 890 990 78	3 353 89
Southern	3 435 431 77	1 295 93
Southwestern	1 619 498 82	610 91
	<u>33 136 833 03</u>	<u>12 500 00</u>

OAKWOOD COLLEGE SUBSIDY  
1958 Allotments

We recommend, That the following be the allotments for Oakwood College for 1958:

	Regional Conferences <u>1956 Tithes</u>	<u>2%</u> <u>Allotment</u>
Atlantic Union		
Northeastern	439 193 24	8 783 86
Central Union		
Central States	119 780 07	2 395 60
Columbia Union		
Allegheny	544 751 29	10 895 03
Lake Union		
Lake Region	307 824 50	6 156 49
Northern Union		
Minnesota (Minneapolis)	6 890 31	137 81
North Pacific Union		
Oregon (Portland)	5 456 01	109 12
Washington (Seattle)	12 056 42	241 13
Pacific Union		
Arizona	9 398 07	187 96
Central California	31 675 54	633 51
Nevada-Utah	2 477 72	49 55
Northern California	80 041 67	1 600 83
Southeastern California	72 943 68	1 458 87
Southern California	185 012 98	3 700 26
Southern Union		
South Atlantic	329 959 97	6 599 20
South Central 4%	203 039 86	8 121 59
Southwestern Union		
Southwest Region	<u>132 780 35</u>	<u>2 655 61</u>
Totals	<u><u>2 483 281 68</u></u>	<u><u>53 726 42</u></u>

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4. That In North America the total offering received on June 7 be immediately reported by the local churches to the local conference and on to the union, so that on June 21 the total amount raised in the churches may be reported to the session in Cleveland.

5. That the conference and union goals for this offering be allocated on the basis of tithe received by the divisions and North American Unions in 1955 as given below:

<u>Division</u>	<u>1955 Tithes</u>	<u>.02428596</u>
Australasia	1 632 173 57	39 638 90
Central Europe	955 850 71	23 213 74
Far East	848 167 51	20 598 55
Inter-America	1 397 308 26	33 934 97
Middle East	66 079 53	1 604 80
Northern Europe	1 192 011 13	28 949 12
South America	1 035 448 70	25 146 86
Southern Africa	657 882 11	15 977 29
Southern Asia	132 760 66	3 224 22
Southern Europe	1 306 896 40	31 739 23
Overseas Totals	9 224 578 58	224 027 68
<u>North American Unions</u>		
Atlantic	2 323 512 18	56 428 71
Canadian	1 020 156 48	24 775 48
Central	1 974 359 93	47 949 22
Columbia	4 291 992 60	104 235 15
Lake	3 844 865 89	93 376 25
Northern	1 074 608 36	26 097 88
North Pacific	3 957 718 22	96 116 98
Pacific	8 647 105 14	210 003 22
Southern	3 230 895 60	78 465 39
Southwestern	1 586 268 03	38 524 04
North American Totals	31 951 482 43	775 972 32
GRAND TOTAL	41 176 061 01	1 000 000 00

6. That this offering be divided between the General Conference, and the overseas divisions and unions of North America, on the basis of 60 per cent to the General Conference and 40 per cent to the Divisions and North American unions, with the understanding that an amount equal to the 1956 Missions Advance and Midsummer Offerings be allocated from the General Conference share of the Million-Dollar Offering to the general mission funds, since these two offerings have always been a part of General Conference income.

7. That the 40 per cent reverted portion to the Divisions and the North American Unions be on a prorated basis of the amount that is raised in the offering and not on the goals set.

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8. That the 60 per cent of the offering that will come to the General Conference shall be appropriated to the world field, after deductions as provided in paragraph 6, at the time of the next Autumn Council for world evangelism and missions advance.

9. That envelopes be provided for this offering for use in the local churches and at the General Conference session, and that at the session credit be given to the several conferences and divisions as indicated by the donors on the envelopes; all loose change in the General Conference session offering to be credited to the Ohio Conference.

10. That a promotion committee be appointed by this council with the understanding that some union conference presidents will be members of the committee.

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Adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Closing prayer by E. A. Moon.

L. K. Dickson, Chairman  
E. E. Roenfelt, Secretary  
Marjorie Marsh, Assistant Recording  
Secretary

#### AUTUMN COUNCIL

Two Hundred Twenty-eighth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, 1957, 4:00 P.M.

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The fifth business meeting of the Council was opened with prayer by George Taylor, Religious Liberty Secretary in the Columbia Union.

W. B. Ochs, as Chairman, suggested that the delegates relax a bit from consideration of Council items. He requested A. H. Rulkoetter to introduce a distinguished guest. In turn, A. H. Rulkoetter said that our guest is known to most of the delegates as he has spoken in our camp meetings. Dr. Glenn L. Archer was introduced as an ardent and able defender of the principles of religious liberty. He is the Executive Director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Doctor Archer spoke of the great material resources of our country--the towering oil derricks pumping their black gold, the expansive wheat fields supplying bread for the nation. Important as these may be to our national welfare, he came to speak of a treasure more precious, that priceless heritage of the free church, the free state, the free society, and free conscience. Such a meeting as this could not be held today in at least twenty so-called Christian countries of the world. In no country do we have as full freedom



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in the matter of religion as we have in this country. Why is this so? It is so because our forefathers guaranteed religious freedom to their children by writing the First Amendment into the Constitution which establishes the separation of church and state.

Live again, if you will, said Doctor Archer, the hardships, denials, and persecutions of our forefathers who crossed the sea of storm and suffering that their children might worship God according to a free conscience. Out of bitter experience, amid trial and error, they evolved four sound principles of law: (1) No church shall be established; (2) No citizen shall pay a tax to support his religion or that of any other; (3) No church shall have special privilege from the state; all must be equal before the law; (4) No citizen shall pass a religious test for public office. Doctor Archer gave quotations from certain church leaders which indicate that all churches are not happy with the American plan of separation of church and state. He spoke of the organization ten years ago of leaders from many walks of life, who met and decided to do something about the defense of church-state separation. They formed a non-profit, educational corporation known as Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State. With boldness and courage they have spoken out in the affirmance of our tradition, and corrected many violations of law in the courts of the nation.

He gave the following quotation from Dudley Field: "The greatest achievement made in the cause of human progress is the total and final separation of church and state. If we had nothing else to boast of, we could lay claim with justice that first among the Nations, we of this country made it an article of organic law that the relations between man and his Maker were a private concern, into which other men have no right to intrude. To measure the stride thus made for the emancipation of the race, we have only to look back over the centuries that have gone before us, and recall the dreadful persecutions in the name of religion that have filled the world."

He closed by saying "You are the champions of the grandness of the gospel of Jesus Christ; wherein men may be truly free."

A leaflet entitled "The Free Pulpit" by Glenn L. Archer was distributed.

DR. GLENN L. ARCHER--APPRECIATION TO:

W. B. Ochs and R. R. Figuhr expressed to Doctor Archer the appreciation of the delegates for his visit, and this wonderful, timely message. It was

VOTED, To express our thanks to Dr. Glenn L. Archer for delivering this most eloquent, pointed, and timely message to the Council.

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

GIFT PRESENTATIONS OF THE BOOK  
QUESTIONS ON DOCTRINE:

WHEREAS, It is important to give the book Questions on Doctrine the widest possible circulation,

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We recommend, 1. That our churches be encouraged--

a. To place this new volume Seventh-day Adventists Answer Questions on Doctrine in as many public, college, and Seminary libraries as possible.

b. To place a copy in each church library.

c. To urge every Seventh-day Adventist family to purchase a copy.

2. That copies of this book also be made available by our churches for presentation to ministers not of our faith who reside in the vicinity of the churches.

3. That the pastor or district leader, possibly in association with the local church elder, be responsible for making the presentation to the libraries and the clergy.

4. That in order to make this program possible, we suggest that our churches take an offering and also that they encourage special gifts from the members.

5. That our conference presidents be urged to present this plan at workers' meetings at the earliest opportunity.

6. That the Ministerial Association prepare helpful suggestions for the making of these presentations to the various libraries and the clergy; lists of libraries by states to be furnished.

7. That to aid in integrating this denominational program of presentation to libraries and ministers, our Book and Bible Houses be requested to make a special price for these presentation volumes of \$4.50 per copy to our churches.

#### FIRST SABBATH MONTHLY MISSIONARY SERVICE:

WHEREAS, In the writings of the Spirit of prophecy: "We are exhorted not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, these assemblies are not to be merely for our own refreshing. We are to be inspired with greater zeal to impart the consolation we have received."--Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 365. And "Let the missionary meeting be turned to account in teaching the people how to do missionary work."--An Appeal to Our Churches, p. 11; and

WHEREAS, The successful accomplishment of missionary work on the part of all members depends on whether or not regular instruction and inspiration are given so that our people may be intelligent as to the work they are to do for God,

We recommend, 1. That the Autumn Council action of 1924, "That the first Sabbath of each month be designated as Home Missionary Day," be reaffirmed and re-emphasized.

2. That at Workers' Meetings and Church Officers' Institutes consideration be given as to how to make this service "intensely interesting."

3. That the plan of allocating the first Sabbath of certain months to various departments to carry forward a well-balanced missionary program be continued.

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## 1958 INGATHERING GOAL:

WHEREAS, The Ingathering work in the North American Division has made tremendous progress during the past few years, so that by the end of September we had raised in 1957 a total of \$4,676,141.64; and

WHEREAS, The Ingathering goal of \$3,750,000.00 has not been increased since 1953, thus making the gap between the goal and the actual amount raised altogether too large,

We recommend, 1. That the Ingathering goal for 1958 be set at \$4,075,000 with the understanding that it will not affect the "basic goal."

2. That our Ingathering field objective for 1958 be to raise a total of \$4,850,000.00.

## THE WEEKLY MISSIONARY SERVICE:

WHEREAS, The weekly 10-Minute Missionary Service has proved effective in stimulating missionary activity in our churches and in sponsoring a well-balanced evangelistic program; and

WHEREAS, In our denominational program it is the only time allotted on Sabbath for the promotion and presentation of missionary plans; and

WHEREAS, A decline in these weekly missionary services would be seriously reflected in decreased missionary activity with a resultant lessened baptismal harvest,

We recommend, 1. That we reaffirm our belief in the importance of the weekly 10-Minute Missionary Service in contributing to a well-planned, soul-winning church program,

2. That at workers' meetings to be held during the coming year, the importance of the weekly missionary service be presented and plans be laid to foster this service in every church.

3. That in connection with this weekly service, arrangements be made for church members to relate soul-winning experiences which may inspire others to do missionary work, and that the regular weekly missionary reports be taken every Sabbath.

4. That in order to implement the Autumn Council action of 1947,

"That in order to train the children and youth of the church in missionary activity, they remain in their divisions after the close of the Sabbath school exercises for a ten-minute missionary service adapted to their age interests, dismissal of the children to follow this ten-minute missionary service,"

the Missionary Volunteer, the Home Missionary, and the Sabbath School Departments co-operate in planning program material and procedures that will insure the success of this service.

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## LOCAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS--DELEGATES AT LARGE:

We recommend, That the local conference constitutions be revised so as to make provision whereby not only persons who hold ministerial credentials and licenses, but also those holding missionary credentials, may be seated as delegates at large at local conference sessions.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEES--SUGGESTIONS:

Suggestions were made from the floor that provision be made for a larger nominating committee in the local and union conference sessions. The present provision is for seven to eleven in a local conference session, and eleven to seventeen in a union conference session.

VOTED, To refer this suggestion for study to the Home and Overseas Officers prior to the 1958 General Conference session.

Adjourned at 5:15 P.M. until 10:15 A.M. on Monday, October 28.

Prayer by H. L. Rudy.

W. B. Ochs, Chairman  
W. P. Bradley, Secretary  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

## AUTUMN COUNCIL

Two Hundred Twenty-ninth Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 28, 1957, 10:15 A.M.

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The sixth business meeting of the Autumn Council convened Monday morning at 10:15. A. W. Cormack offered prayer.

The Council recessed to give time for a meeting of the International Insurance Company which was called to meet at this hour.

## INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY:

H. L. Rudy took the Chair, and called for a report from the Nominating Committee. E. W. Dunbar, secretary of the Nominating Committee, read the report, and it was

VOTED, That we accept the report of the Nominating Committee that the following men serve on the Board of Directors for the International Insurance Company for a term of three years: W. R. Beach, H. T. Elliott, H. L. Rudy, C. L. Torrey.

Adjourned sine die.

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The Council resumed its work.

#### BOARD OF REGENTS:

The Nominating Committee brought in its report on filling the vacancies on the Board of Regents, for a three-year term, and it was

VOTED, To appoint D. Lois Burnett and Nathaniel Parker to fill the present vacancies on the Board of Regents.

#### REPORT OF COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS:

Since G. T. Anderson's report to the Board given a short time ago will be printed in the Review and Herald, Doctor Anderson reported briefly on a few important items. Their School of Dietetics has just been granted full accreditation for their internship program by the American Dietetic Association. The School of Dentistry received its final accreditation last year and the first class fully accredited has gone out. The faculty has recently made a statement of rededication to the purpose of Christian education and a pledge of loyalty to the church in upholding its standards before the students and before their associates. Progress is being made on their goal of staffing the school with our own leaders. The School of Tropical Medicine, set up in 1948, to assist in the worldwide program of denominational missions and research, finds their areas of research expanding through grants from various agencies for research purposes. The recent Week of Prayer led by E. L. Minchin in their two teaching areas of the College of Medical Evangelists proved exceptionally helpful and inspirational. The College of Medical Evangelists has no other purpose than that it will be all it should be in these days.

Recommendations from the Finance Committee were adopted as follows:

#### ENDOWMENT FUND:

We recommend, That our educational institutions be encouraged to build up an Endowment Fund, and that the Ford Foundation grants recently received form the nucleus of such a fund in each school, this Endowment Fund to be added to from time to time from available resources.

#### GRADUATE STUDY PROGRAM:

We recommend, That the following three paragraphs be added to the policy, entitled "In-Service Training Assistance," appearing on pages 89-90 of the General Conference Working Policy:

1. In the case of a faculty member who, during such leave of absence, receives from nondenominational sources a scholarship, fellowship, or grant-in-aid which permits him to take a full program of graduate study and whose stipend is less than his regular full salary, the faculty member shall return to the college an amount equivalent to the stipend received, and in return receive from the college his regular full salary which would be allowed for a full program of teaching.

2. In the case of a faculty member who, during such leave of absence, receives from nondenominational sources a scholarship, fellowship, or grant-in-aid which permits him to take a full program of graduate study and

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whose stipend is greater than his regular full salary, the faculty member shall return to the college a sum equal to his regular full salary. In return, he will receive periodically from the college his regular full salary check as he would if teaching on the college campus.

3. Faculty members engaged in graduate study as indicated above will be expected to return to the college for further service according to the regular denominational policy, but in no case for less than one year of service.

#### LOANS TO PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS:

WHEREAS, A number of conferences are unable to increase their investment in loans to dental and medical students and graduates; and

WHEREAS, These loans may be arranged through regular banking facilities by help of the conference,

We recommend, 1. That conferences arrange for dental and medical graduate loans through local banking facilities, thus relieving conferences of this burden.

2. That doctors who have loans from conferences at present be requested to transfer their loans to banks.

3. That each local conference give study to setting a ceiling, approved by the union conference, for such contingent liabilities.

4. That interest payments shall be the responsibility of the loanee in accordance with the policy of the bank making the loan.

5. That repayment of the loan shall begin within twelve months following completion of internship, or at such a time as shall be mutually agreed upon by the loaning bank and the doctor, and that in no case shall the repayment period be more than four years following beginning of practice.

#### MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIP ALLOTMENT--1958:

We recommend, That provision be made for 124 ministerial internships for 1958, the two-year allotment to be as follows:

1. That 109 internships be assigned to the several unions as follows:

Atlantic	10
Canadian	9
Central	10
Columbia	13
Lake	11
Northern	8
North Pacific	11
Pacific	16
Southern	11
Southwestern	10

2. That 15 internships be assigned for Regional workers and be distributed by the North American Division Committee on Administration.

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# THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIP ALLOWANCE:

We recommend, That provision be made for 18 ministerial internships for graduates of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary for the year 1958, and that they be distributed by the North American Division Committee on Administration in counsel with the Theological Seminary.

Recommendations from the Plans Committee were approved as follows:

## FOLLOW-UP OF RADIO-TELEVISION

### BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL INTERESTS:

WHEREAS, There are thousands of individuals who have completed Radio-Television Bible Correspondence School courses who have never been visited, many of whom have expressed specific interest in the message,

We recommend, That conference administrators and their committees lay plans to intensify the follow-up program,

1. By encouraging the local conference Radio-Television Committee to formulate plans that will help ministers in their follow-up program.
2. By urging all church pastors to take immediate steps to visit all accumulated and current Bible School interests and to follow up promptly and thoroughly all such subsequent interests.
3. By giving added emphasis to this phase of evangelism at Workers' Meetings.
4. By arranging for local and union Radio-Television secretaries to devote time regularly to the visitation of Bible School interests in co-operation with local pastors.
5. By interesting and training laymen to assist ministers in the follow-up of Bible Correspondence School interests.

### FIXED EXCHANGE RATES:

The Finance Committee recommended the Exchange Rates for the year 1958 which were adopted as follows: (See pages 1024-1026.)

### THE 1958 AUTUMN COUNCIL:

The Committee on the 1958 Autumn Council presented its report, and it was adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. That the 1958 Autumn Council be held October 15-21, 1958, at Takoma Park, D.C.

2. That the local conference presidents be invited to attend.
3. That the Officers of the General Conference be authorized to invite such other persons as appears advisable up to and including 25 in number.

Announcements regarding committee and Council meetings were made.

Adjourned at 11:50 A.M.  
Prayer by H. W. Klaser.

A. W. Olson, Chairman  
F. L. Peterson, Secretary  
Marjorie Marsh, Asst. Recording Secretary

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We recommend, That the following be the Exchange Rates for the year 1958:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	1958 <u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>in Local Currency</u>	1958 <u>Fixed Rate</u>
<u>Australasian</u>			
Australia	Australian £		\$2.24
Fiji	Fijian £		2.54
New Caledonia & Society Islands	Pacific Franc	73.80	.01355
New Zealand	New Zealand £		2.80
<u>Central European</u>			
Germany	Deutschmark: West	4.16667	.24
Germany	Deutschmark: East	20.00	.05
Saar	French Franc	420.00	.00238095
<u>Far Eastern</u>			
British N. Borneo	BNB \$	3.00	.33 1/3
Cambodia	Piaster	75.00	.01333
Formosa	Taiwan \$	25.00	.04
Hong Kong	Hong Kong \$	5.80	.17241379
Indonesia	Rupiah	18.00	.05555
Japan	Yen	358.422	.00279
Korea (South)	Won (Hwan)	--	--
Macao	Pataca	5.80	.17241379
Malaya	Singapore \$	3.00	.33 1/3
New Guinea	Guilder	3.7037	.27
Okinawa	Yen	119.474	.00837
Philippine Islands	Peso	2.00	.50
Sarawak	Sarawak \$	3.00	.33 1/3
Thailand	Baht	20.00	.05
Viet Nam	Piaster	75.00	.01333
<u>Inter-American</u>			
Bahamas	Pound		2.80
Barbados	Dollar	1.6949	.59
British Guinea	Dollar	1.6949	.59
British Honduras	Dollar	1.42857	.70
Colombia	Peso	5.5555	.18
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	420.00	.00238095
Guatemala	Quetzal	1.00	1.00
Haiti	Gourde	5.00	.20
Jamaica	Pound		2.80
Mexico	Peso	12.00	.08 1/3
Nicaragua	Cordoba	7.1429	.14
Panama	Balboa	1.00	1.00
Puerto Rico	Dollar	1.00	1.00



<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	1958 Fixed Rate <u>in Local Currency</u>	1025 1958 Fixed Rate
<u>Inter-American (Con.)</u>			
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		2.80
Egypt	Egyptian £		2.60
Iran	Rial	75.00	.0133333
Iraq	Dinar		2.80
Jordan	Pound		2.80
Libya	Pound		2.80
Lebanon	Lebanese £	3.1250	.32
Syria	Syrian £	3.3333	.30
Turkey	Turkish £	4.00	.25
<u>North American</u>			
Bermuda	English £		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
Ghana	West African £		2.80
Great Britain	English £		2.80
Holland	Guilder	3.7037	.27
Iceland	Kroner	16.00	.0625
Ivory Coast	Colonial Franc	210.00	.0047619
Liberia	Dollar	1.00	1.00
Nigeria	West African £		2.80
Norway	Kroner	6.6666	.15
Poland	Zloty	95.00	.010526315
Sierra Leone	West African £		2.80
Sweden	Kroner	5.00	.20
<u>South American</u>			
Argentina	Peso	30.00	.0333
Bolivia	Boliviano	7200.00	.00013888
Brazil	Cruzeiro	60.00	.016666
Chile	Peso	540.00	.00185185
Ecuador	Sucre	#17.00 18.00	.0588
Paraguay	Guarani	90.00	.01111
Peru	Sol	18.00	.05555
Uruguay	Peso	3.60	.27777

<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	1958	1026
		<u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>in Local Currency</u>	<u>1958</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 £		2.80
Nyasaland	Rhodesian £		2.80
S. African Union	South African £		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	420.00	.00238095
French Cameroons	Colonial Franc	210.00	.0047619
French Equatorial Africa	Colonial Franc	210.00	.0047619
Greece	Drachma	30.00	.033 1/3
Hungary	Forint	11.627	.086
Israel	Israel £	1.80	.5555
Italy	Lira	625.00	.0016
Madagascar	Colonial Franc	210.00	.0047619
Mauritius	Rupee	4.7619	.21
Portugal	Escudo	27.7777	.036
Reunion	Colonial Franc	210.00	.0047619
Rumania	Leu	142.8571	.007
Spain	Peseta	42.00	.02381
Switzerland	Swiss Franc	4.2553	.235
Yugoslavia	Dinar	30.303	.033

## AUTUMN COUNCIL

Two Hundred Thirtieth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 28, 1957, 3:00 P.M.

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The seventh business meeting of the Council was called to order at 3:00 P.M.

Dr. J. W. McFarland led in prayer.

In opening the meeting, R. R. Figuhr spoke of a letter received from Dr. A. W. Johnson who recently stopped off in New Mexico en route to California. He went to Las Cruces where two of our colporteurs had been arrested. The Judge suspended their fines on the basis they would not continue their work. Doctor Johnson had a visit with the Judge. The colporteurs had left one of their books with him. He had been reading it, and said that if the other books were as good as this one he was going to purchase a set. Elder Figuhr received a letter from H. J. Peverini, the president of the Austral Union, reporting that in the city of Tucuman they won over a hundred souls last year. Another hundred were baptized this year in a further effort. The newspaper write-ups mounted to ten and one-half pages. Four of the radio stations carried news of the meetings.

## POLICIES AFFECTING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS:

Autumn Council Agenda item No. 9 was referred to by W. R. Beach--Present Seminary Policies in Relation to Financial Policies for University Students. He stated that the Committee to whom this item had been referred were unable to come to a conclusion. It was

VOTED, To authorize the Committee to report to a future Council.

## EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS:

It was stated that the Committee on Educational Problems cannot report at the present time. It was

VOTED, To authorize the Committee to report to a future Council.

## SUDAN TERRITORY--

## MISSION TERRITORY CENTRAL EUROPEAN DIVISION:

At the 1956 Autumn Council authorization was given for the transfer of the Sudan territory, which was formerly included in the Middle East and Northern European Divisions, to the Central European Division as mission territory. On suggestion of the Central European Division the General Conference Committee took action June 13, 1957, suspending the action of the 1956 Autumn Council until such time as the situation could be further studied. It is explained that the work in the Sudan could only be operated through Egypt. After discussion of the political situation existing in that area, it was

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VOTED, That the Middle East and Northern European Divisions continue to supervise the mission work in the Sudan, and that study be given to the assignment of other mission territory to the Central European Division.

FURTHER VOTED, That a committee be appointed to consider the item of assignment of mission territory for the Central European Division, and that this committee report to the Home and Overseas Officers prior to the General Conference session in 1958.

The Committee on the 1958 Autumn Council presented recommendations which were with amendment adopted as follows:

#### PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL:

We recommend, That in giving study to the future schedule of meetings, consideration be given to the holding of a Union and Local Conference Presidents' Council in 1959, the time and place to be arranged by the General Conference Officers.

#### ATTENDANCE 1960 AUTUMN COUNCIL:

We recommend, That the local conference presidents and such others as may be decided upon at the previous Spring meeting, be invited to attend the 1960 Biennial Council.

A recommendation from the General Conference Officers was considered and with revisions adopted as follows:

#### "MORE FUN FOR BOYS AND GIRLS":

We recommend, That the request of the Review and Herald to begin the publication, January 1, 1958, of a junior health sales journal for non-Seventh-day Adventist boys and girls under the title, "More Fun for Boys and Girls," be approved. The field of circulation for this journal will be found outside of the church through the sales of the literature evangelists. It will not be promoted in our churches for Seventh-day Adventist subscriptions.

The General Conference Officers and Union Presidents presented recommendations which with an addition were accepted as follows:

#### ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT AND YEARBOOK:

We recommend, 1. That in the General Conference Statistical Report, Table 1, Column 22, be eliminated. (This column lists the amount of tithe appropriated to fields outside of the conference.)

2. That Part 2 of Section 2 on medical institutions, page 24, of the Statistical Report, wherein self-supporting sanitariums are listed, be eliminated.

3. That the listing of all sustentation workers from the Workers' Directory of the Yearbook with the exception of ordained and licensed ministers, credentialed Bible instructors, and credentialed missionaries be eliminated, and that this list be obtained from the list of honorary credentials issued by the respective unions.

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4. That the Necrology list which has been published each year in the Yearbook be eliminated, but that the Statistical Secretary keep a card file of the deaths of all prominent workers.

5. That the list of School and Sanitarium Periodicals be eliminated from the Periodical listings in the Yearbook.

6. That under the Sabbath School Department summary, in the Statistical Report, an additional column be added, listing the per capita giving of Sabbath school members, on a church membership basis.

#### DIRECTOR OF FOOD SERVICE:

We recommend, That the title Director of Food Service be substituted for the title of Matron in all references to the person in our educational institutions who has charge of the kitchen, dining room, making up of menus, and preparation of food.

The Committee on Nursing Education presented a recommendation which with revisions was adopted as follows:

#### COST OF EDUCATION OF NURSES:

We recommend, That the General Conference Officers appoint a representative committee including a hospital administrator, a nurse educator, a general educator, a college business manager and an accountant, to conduct a study to determine the cost of educating a Seventh-day Adventist nurse in pre-service programs in North America, also the cost and value of such a course to the offering medical institution, and that this group report its findings to the General Conference Officers for study and for counsel to the field.

Further recommendations from the Plans Committee were given consideration and with changes and additions adopted as follows:

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS ADVANCE IN 1958:

WHEREAS, The development of good public relations prepares the way for a better understanding of the church, its faith and its objectives, and creates a favorable attitude toward our evangelistic program,

We recommend, 1. That in order to take advantage of the opportunity which the General Conference session year affords, our public relations program be intensified.

2. That our local churches be encouraged to list their location and hours of worship, in newspaper church directories, telephone and city directories and maps, hotel and motel lobbies, trailer parks, rail, bus air and ship terminals, military camps, and organizations such as the YMCA, YWCA, USO, etc.

3. That early in the year, each conference conduct a definite campaign for the erection of the roadside signs now available, in order that the public may be aware of the location of Seventh-day Adventist churches.

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4. That more intensive use of media of information be made to explain Adventist beliefs and attitudes concerning public issues, and to establish in the public mind the true characteristics of the Advent Movement.

5. That arrangements be made in each union to train conference Public Relations secretaries and local church press secretaries and pastors, in order that their public relations efforts may be more precise and effectual.

6. That conference Public Relations directors be encouraged to develop plans to help institutions, churches, and headquarters offices in their public relations work, and that wherever possible full-time Public Relations secretaries be appointed.

#### SPECIAL HELP FOR YOUTH

##### FACING MILITARY SERVICE:

Because of the special problems we face in military service,

We recommend, 1. That pastors of our churches that have young people who are approaching military age, be urged to keep in close touch with such youth, carefully instructing them as to the reasons why the Church counsels its young people not to enlist, but to wait for the draft.

2. That our church pastors encourage our youth who are in the military age group to take the Medical Cadet course.

##### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROMOTION:

WHEREAS, The Spirit of prophecy states that "the Lord would have the children gathered out from those schools where worldly influences prevail, and placed in our own schools" (CPT 166); and "nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people" (CPT 165); and "no other work committed to us is so important as the training of the youth" (Ed 218); and

WHEREAS, Many of our Seventh-day Adventist children and youth are attending secular schools and therefore are not under the protection of the church schools; and

WHEREAS, Conditions today make it imperative that we protect our children and youth by providing them with an education which will build Christian character and prepare them for God's service,

We recommend, 1. That the doctrine of Christian education be vigorously presented at conference and church officers' meetings in order to lay upon our leaders their privileges and obligations with reference to this important matter.

2. That in view of the increasing pressure on the existing church school facilities and the very definite forecast that the enrollment is expected to increase sharply during the next few years, local conferences carefully survey the elementary education needs, study the prospect of future growth, and lay plans for the development of elementary and intermediate schools to care for the increase which is expected during the next five to seven years.

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3. That in view of the fact that there exists a serious shortage of qualified elementary and intermediate teachers in the North American Division, we urge our union and local conferences to give serious study to this situation and to take immediate steps to increase the number of teachers and to lift the level of preparation of the teachers now employed.

#### SPECIAL OFFERING FOR THE COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS:

WHEREAS, The medical missionary work of the College of Medical Evangelists should be brought to the attention of our people more effectively; and

WHEREAS, Our churches are called upon once each year to support this work with an offering,

We recommend, 1. That the College of Medical Evangelists carry the principal responsibility of clarifying the missionary objectives of the institution and promoting this special offering.

2. That personal soul-winning experiences of our medical missionaries receive special emphasis in the material that is sent to the churches for the promotion of the offering for the College of Medical Evangelists.

3. That the College of Medical Evangelists be counseled to make available as many able speakers as possible for the camp meetings, and prior to the date set for the offering, to contact the graduates of the College of Medical Evangelists throughout the country with a view of recruiting speakers for our churches who are in a position to represent effectively the missionary activities of the institution.

#### SPECIAL DAYS AND OFFERINGS:

We recommend, That the following be the church calendar for 1959 in respect to Special Days and Offerings:

##### January

Home Missionary Day (Lay Bible Evangelism)	January 3*
Church Missionary Offering	January 3
Religious Liberty Campaign	January 10-17*
Religious Liberty Day Offering	January 17

##### February

Christian Home and Family Altar	February 7*
Christian Home Week	February 7-14
Church Missionary Offering	February 7
Television Offering	February 14
Temperance Commitment Day	February 28

##### March

Visitation Evangelism Home Visitation Day	March 7*
Church Home Missionary Offering	March 7
Missions Advance Offering	March 14
Missionary Volunteer Day	March 14*
Missionary Volunteer Week	March 14-21

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April

Literature Evangelism  
 Church Missionary Offering  
Signs of the Times, These Times,  
Message Campaign  
 (Special prices to prevail during April and May)

April 4  
 April 4  
 April 1-30

May

Dorcas and Welfare Evangelism  
 Church Home Missionary Offering  
 Disaster and Famine Relief Offering  
 (Alternated with Servicemen's Literature  
 Offering)  
 Spirit of Prophecy Day  
 College of Medical Evangelists Offering

May 2\*  
 May 2  
 May 9  
  
 May 16  
 May 30

June

Home-Foreign Literature  
 Church Home Missionary Offering

June 6\*  
 June 6

July

Church Medical Missionary Day  
 and Church Medical Missionary Offering  
 Midsummer Missions Service and Offering

July 4\*  
 July 11\*

August

Enlightening Dark Counties  
 Church Home Missionary Offering  
 Educational Day and Elementary School Offering  
 Oakwood College Offering

August 1\*  
 August 1  
 August 15\*  
 August 29

September

Literature Evangelist Rally Day  
 Church Home Missionary Offering  
 Missions Extension Day and Offering  
 MV Pathfinder Day  
 Sabbath School Rally Day

September 5\*  
 September 5  
 September 12\*  
 September 12  
 September 27

October

Neighborhood Evangelism  
 Church Home Missionary Offering  
 Voice of Prophecy Offering  
Review and Herald Campaign  
Temperance Day Offering

October 3\*  
 October 3  
 October 10  
 Oct. 17-Nov. 14  
 October 24\*

November

Witnessing Laymen  
 Church Home Missionary Offering  
 Week of Prayer  
 Week of Sacrifice Offering  
 Ingathering Campaign for 1960

November 7\*  
 November 7  
 November 7-14  
 November 14  
 November 21\* to  
 January 9



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December

Home Missionary Day	December 5*
Church Home Missionary Offering	December 5
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	March 28
" " "	June 27
" " "	September 27
" " "	December 26

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\* Special programs provided

INSTITUTING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING  
RELIGIOUS LIBERTY PROBLEMS:

WHEREAS, It might be greatly to our disadvantage if legal procedures involving religious liberty are initiated without proper counsel,

We recommend, That local conferences seek the counsel and approval of the unions, which in turn will consult with the General Conference before instituting proceedings; and further,

That the prevailing denominational policy of allocation of costs not be made available unless these suggested steps are taken.

CALL TO PUBLIC EVANGELISM:

WHEREAS, A sense of urgency is everywhere apparent in world events indicating that this is indeed the hour of our destiny; and

WHEREAS, We recognize that the Advent Movement has been divinely commissioned to carry God's last message of mercy to a doomed world; and

WHEREAS, Unprecedented demonstrations in the field of public evangelism have recently revealed the heart hunger of the masses for the saving gospel of Jesus Christ,

We recommend, 1. That a denominational call be made for a worldwide rededication of our ministry to the public proclamation of the everlasting gospel of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour, and that our ministers be urged to conduct evangelistic meetings in as many places as possible, utilizing public auditoriums, our own churches, and every other available facility.

2. That in connection with these meetings, we follow the counsel of the Spirit of prophecy (Evangelism, pages 143, 562), and make a study of the community with a view to laying plans to present the message in such a way as to meet community needs, win the confidence of leaders of other Christian groups, and make favorable impressions on the general public.

3. That our union and local conferences give study to developing evangelistic teams, associating workers of varied talents, thus adding strength to their soul-winning programs in order to meet the challenging counter-attractions of these modern times, and that where our devoted laymen have been

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faithfully sowing the seed of truth we endeavor to reap the harvest by holding short evangelistic revivals.

4. That we recognize the importance of medical-ministerial evangelism, and encourage our consecrated doctors to add the weight of their influence and professional skill to the evangelistic program.

5. That our ministerial workers be urged to do more personal visitation-evangelism in the homes of the people; and that our conferences give study to developing more Bible instructors for home evangelism.

6. That in places where circumstances do not permit the holding of regular evangelistic meetings, we urge that evangelistic Bible classes be organized to which our members can bring their interested friends; and that those who lead out in these classes be encouraged to make the presentations effective by using the excellent visual aids now available.

7. That in all phases of our evangelism we endeavor to fulfill the real purpose of the Advent message, which is "to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour" and to make Him "appear in His efficacious work as the Lamb slain, sitting upon the throne;" and recognizing that "The sacrifice of Christ as an atonement for sin is the great truth around which all other truths cluster," we heed the counsel, "Christ and His righteousness--let this be our platform, the very life of our faith,"\*and thus prepare through the proclamation of the everlasting gospel, in the setting of the last messages of God to mankind, a people ready to meet their Lord. \*(Evangelism, pages 190-191)

#### WEEK OF PRAYER APPEAL:

We recommend, That the following urgent appeal from the Autumn Council for a more effective Week of Prayer be sent to all our ministers and church leaders:

We stand on the threshold of eternity. Each day brings us nearer to the coming of the Lord and still nearer to the great crisis which will test every soul on earth. Only a spiritually awakened and triumphant church can stand in that tremendous hour. We have been warned that "a storm is arising that will wrench and test the spiritual foundation of every one to the utmost. Therefore avoid the sand-bed, hunt for the rock; lay your foundation sure. Build, oh, build for eternity! Build with tears, with heartfelt prayers." --Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 129. Uncertainty, perplexity, and confusion abound on every hand. World-shaking events are taking place with terrific rapidity. Such conditions can be faced only by those who have been transformed into the likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ. In view of the events which lie ahead,

We urge that this coming Week of Prayer be made an occasion, when, with deep heart-searching and with souls that thirst after God we seek a more vital relationship with the Lord our Righteousness.

From its inception this has been the supreme objective of our annual Weeks of Prayer. While through more than seventy years these annual prayer convocations have brought great blessing to the Church of God, we, assembled in Autumn Council, feel that in view of these momentous times our people everywhere should seek to make this coming Week of Prayer an experience of vital

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spiritual blessing and victory. We urge all our ministers and workers to take a particular and personal interest in making this occasion one of genuine revival and reformation, seeking through the use of the special messages as found in the Week of Prayer Review to lead the Church into a preparation for the mighty infilling of the Holy Spirit, and utilizing to this end the special Readings prepared.

Open doors on every hand beckon Spirit-filled heralds of the gospel. Soon many of these doors will be closed. Now is our opportunity. Today more than ever before the cause of God stands in a prominent position in the eyes of the world. Sensing that this is indeed the hour of our destiny, let us endeavor to make this Week of Prayer the greatest spiritual blessing in our history.

A Committee on Schedule of Meetings for 1958 presented a report which was with revisions adopted as follows:

#### SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 1958:

We recommend, That the following meetings be authorized for 1958, with the understanding that the Officers set up a committee composed of representatives from the General Conference departments to arrange a schedule of meetings that will make it possible for two or more departments to hold their meetings together. It is to be understood also that no meetings are to be scheduled during the summer that will take the departmental men away from the camp meetings. (One possible exception might be the Medical Cadet Camp at Grand Lodge, Michigan, June 3-17.)

#### Advisory Committees

1. Public Relations Advisory Committee--January 6-8, Chicago, Illinois
2. Regional Department Advisory Committee--Oakwood, at time of annual Board meeting
3. Home Missionary Department Advisory Committee--last week of September
4. Sabbath School Advisory Committee--last week of September
5. Missionary Volunteer Department Advisory Committee--October 13-15, Denver, Colorado
6. Educational Advisory Committee, October 9-12, Denver, Colorado
7. Medical Department Advisory Committee--Autumn of 1958
8. Publishing Department Advisory Committee--October 6-10
9. National Service Organization Advisory meeting--time and place to be arranged (General and union representation only)
10. Union Conference Temperance Secretaries--time and place to be arranged (General and union representation only)

#### Other Meetings

1. Association of Self-Supporting Institutions--sectional meetings, time and place to be arranged (hold to minimum attendance--union and local conference secretaries)
2. National Medical Cadet Corps Training Camp--Grand Lodge, Michigan, June 3-17
3. College Teachers Quadrennial Sectional Meeting, Emmanuel Missionary College, June 12-18

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4. Workshop to Plan College Bible Doctrines Textbook--during Christmas holidays, 1957
5. Representatives, including administrators, from the Eastern and Western Schools of Nursing in North America, December 29-31, 1957, inclusive

(Dates and places are not final, but will be adjusted by the Committee to be set up.)

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A recommendation from the Officers and the Union Presidents was presented and adopted as follows:

#### SEMINARS IN PUBLIC RELATIONS:

That we believe in planning for the development of future Public Relations workers, and we recommend that our colleges give consideration to conducting Seminars in Public Relations during the summer sessions; and that a committee be appointed by the General Conference Committee to foster the planning for Seminars in Public Relations in selected colleges in 1958.

#### GLENDALE S.D.A. CREDIT UNION:

An organization named "Glendale S.D.A. Credit Union" has been set up in California. It was

VOTED, To request our church members not to use the name nor the initials of Seventh-day Adventists in <sup>non</sup>denominational organizations or enterprises.

#### A.S.I. SECRETARY:

VOTED, That Section 2 of the series of recommendations of the Autumn Council of 1951, page 76, pertaining to the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Self-Supporting Institutions, be amended to read as follows:

That the Association secretary-treasurer devote to the interests of such organization such time as, in the judgment of the General Conference Committee, may be necessary, it being understood that this will not necessarily require full time, and that his salary and expense together with stenographic and office expense, be included in the General Conference Committee budget.

Further, that the Association of Self-Supporting Institutions be notified of this amendment.

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A meeting of the North American Division Committee on Administration was called at 4:40 P.M. Consideration was given to recommendations from the War Service Commission. The recommendations as passed will appear in the minutes of that Committee.

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The Council resumed its business.

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## A.S.I. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

A recommendation from the Officers was presented and adopted as follows:

We recommend, That the following be appointed as A.S.I. Executive Committee members at the time of the next biennium meeting of the Association of Self-Supporting Institutions: W. B. Ochs, W. R. Beach, W. P. Bradley, H. T. Elliott, A. L. Ham.

## MISSIONARY BOOK OF THE YEAR:

VOTED, That a book comprised of Steps to Christ and Mount of Blessing be used in 1959 as the book of the year.

## BUDGET FOR 1958:

The 1958 Budget as presented to the Council exceeded the Budget for 1957 by \$3,241,196.76. The Treasurer expressed appreciation for the sacrifice of our people in making possible this large appropriation, amounting to \$26,064,954.95. These funds will greatly strengthen our work throughout the world field. O. A. Blake presented the recommendations from the Budget Committee which were adopted as follows:

(Please see following pages.)

A further statement was made by the Treasurer in regard to the special appropriations made from the Working Capital, as listed on page 1 of the Budget, amounting to \$3,508,950.00. The funds drawn from Working Capital reduced the Authorized Capital by \$1,508,950.00. This reduces the Authorized Working Capital from 40 per cent to 32 per cent. It was further

VOTED, To authorize the use of this \$1,508,950.00 for the 1958 budget with the understanding that the Constitution will be amended to provide for this percentage reduction in Authorized Working Capital.

V. T. Armstrong expressed the wish that we could convey to our people throughout the field the thankfulness in our hearts for their loyal support and liberality.

E. D. Dick stated in behalf of the Seminary and University deep and sincere appreciation for the unexpected and liberal provision made for the development of these institutions. He also pledged in behalf of these institutions the best possible application of these funds for the use intended.

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A recommendation from the Plans Committee was presented and adopted, entitled "Expression of Gratitude," and by vote of the Council an expression of appreciation to our church members was added, as follows:

(Please turn to page 1045.)

THE BUDGET FOR 1958

WE RECOMMEND, that the base and special appropriations for 1958 to the world fields be made from the following estimated income and available funds:

## REGULAR

General Conference Estimated Income (Basis 1956) for  
Base Appropriations

15 688 453 62

## SPECIALS

From Working Capital		3 508 950 00	
From Reconstruction Base, Orient		400 000 00	
From Exchange Gains		300 000 00	
From Special Funds, Central Europe		155 000 00	
From Oregon Corporation	100 000 00		
Less: North Pacific Union Share	<u>25 000 00</u>	75 000 00	
From Securities Fluctuation Reserve		300 000 00	
From 1956 Special Appropriations Unused		<u>75 000 00</u>	
Total Provision for Special Appropriations			4 813 950 00

## REVERTIBLE FUNDS (Basis 1956)

Estimated from All Divisions

5 322 551 33

25 824 954 95

## CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS

240 000 00

Total Estimated Income and Available Funds

26 064 954 95

WE RECOMMEND, 1. That the Base Appropriations for 1958 be as follows:

## OVERSEAS DIVISIONS

Australasia		459 830 00	
Central Europe Sustentation		60 000 00	
Far East	1 423 910 00		
Additional for South China Island Union	<u>10 000 00</u>	1 433 910 00	
Inter-America	1 100 910 00		
Franco-Haitian Union	7 500 00		
Miami Transportation	4 000 00		
Montemorelos Counselor	<u>2 000 00</u>	1 114 410 00	
Middle East		590 010 00	
Northern Europe	1 005 290 00		
New Gallery, London	<u>25 000 00</u>	1 030 290 00	
South America		1 166 550 00	
Southern Africa		1 412 004 00	
Southern Asia	1 200 927 00		
Assam Mission	9 000 00		
Himalayan Mission	14 325 00		
Vellore Doctor	<u>4 368 00</u>	1 228 620 00	
Southern Europe	1 220 990 00		
Rome Transportation	<u>1 000 00</u>	1 221 990 00	
Reconstruction Base, Orient		<u>481 230 00</u>	
			10 198 824 00

## International Radio

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Australasia	19 000 00	
Central Europe	7 500 00	
Far East	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 Base Appropriations for Overseas Divisions

10 663 824 00

## NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

Aid to Smaller Conferences		105 000 00
Eastern and Western Relief Warehouses		12 000 00
Faith for Today		110 000 00
North American Missions		167 000 00
Oakwood College		75 917 02
Riverside Sanitarium		10 000 00
San Antonio Servicemen's Center		5 500 00
Voice of Prophecy		60 000 00
Atlantic Union		
New York Evangelistic Center	25 000 00	
Greater New York Conference	17 000 00	
Northeastern Conference	<u>3 000 00</u>	45 000 00
Canadian Union		
Regular Operating	85 000 00	
Rest Haven Sanitarium Sustentation	<u>3 000 00</u>	88 000 00
Southern Union		
Regional Conferences Operating	35 000 00	
Rural Schools	<u>5 000 00</u>	40 000 00
Southwestern Union		
Regional Conference Operating		<u>19 000 00</u>

Total Base Appropriations for North American Division

737 417 02

## GENERAL FOR NORTH AMERICAN AND OVERSEAS DIVISIONS

College of Medical Evangelists		
Regular Operating, Medical & Dental	825 000 00	
School of Tropical Medicine	<u>30 000 00</u>	855 000 00
Entertainment, Servicemen Overseas		1 000 00
Evangelistic Films		50 000 00
Medical Residency Plan		15 000 00
Missionary Orientation Program		33 000 00
J Nussbaum Travel & Expense for General Conference		2 000 00

Potomac University		1040
Graduate School	35 000 00	
Theological Seminary	<u>152 626 00</u>	187 626 00
Sabbath School Film		3 000 00
Temperance Societies		56 843 00
White Publications Basic Library		<u>15 000 00</u>
		1 218 469 00
Administrative and Departmental		1 539 333 60
Miscellaneous and Fixed		<u>1 529 410 00</u>
Total Base Appropriations for North American and Overseas Divisions, General Items		4 287 212 60
BASE APPROPRIATIONS RECAP		
Total Overseas Divisions	10 663 824 00	
Total North American Division	737 417 02	
Total General Items for All Divisions	<u>4 287 212 60</u>	
GRAND TOTAL BASE APPROPRIATIONS	<u><u>15 688 453 62</u></u>	

2. That Special Appropriations be made as follows:

OVERSEAS DIVISIONS

Australasia		
General		200 000 00
Central Europe		
General	50 000 00	
Hamburg Publishing House	<u>150 000 00</u>	200 000 00
Far East		
General	150 000 00	
Mountain View College	<u>50 000 00</u>	200 000 00
Inter-America		
General		200 000 00
Middle East		
General		160 000 00
Northern Europe		
General	143 000 00	
Newbold Missionary College	42 000 00	
Polish Training School	15 000 00	
Norwegian Training School	<u>15 000 00</u>	215 000 00
South America		
General		200 000 00
Southern Africa		
General		200 000 00
Southern Asia		
General	158 000 00	
New Delhi Hospital	<u>42 000 00</u>	200 000 00
Southern Europe		
General	200 000 00	
Hungarian Training School	<u>25 000 00</u>	<u>225 000 00</u>
Total Special Appropriations for Overseas Divisions		<u><u>2 000 000 00</u></u>



## NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

1041

Atlantic Union		
Atlantic Union College Dormitory	25 000 00	
New York Bronx Church, Northeastern Conference	20 000 00	
Washington Avenue Church, Gr. New York Conference	20 000 00	
Churches Unassigned	<u>35 000 00</u>	100 000 00
Canadian Union		
Canadian Union College	30 000 00	
St. Johns Newfoundland Church	10 000 00	
Calgary, Alberta, Church	20 000 00	
Toronto Hospital	20 000 00	
Churches Unassigned	20 000 00	
Rest Haven Hospital and Sanitarium	<u>10 000 00</u>	110 000 00
Central Union		
Union College Buildings	60 000 00	
St. Louis Church	10 000 00	
Churches Unassigned	<u>30 000 00</u>	100 000 00
Columbia Union		
Cleveland Church	20 000 00	
Philadelphia Church	20 000 00	
Paterson, N.J. Spanish Church	10 000 00	
Washington, D.C. Regional Churches	20 000 00	
Washington, D.C. Church	<u>50 000 00</u>	120 000 00
Lake Union		
Chicago Spanish Church	5 000 00	
Gary, Indiana, Regional Church	15 000 00	
Indianapolis Church	35 000 00	
Churches Unassigned	<u>45 000 00</u>	100 000 00
Northern Union		
Evangelism	25 000 00	
Hutchinson, Minn., Church	25 000 00	
Campground Facilities, North Dakota	25 000 00	
Churches Unassigned	<u>25 000 00</u>	100 000 00
North Pacific Union		
Walla Walla College	50 000 00	
Walla Walla General Hospital	15 000 00	
Churches Unassigned	<u>35 000 00</u>	100 000 00
Pacific Union		
Loma Linda Church	30 000 00	
Salt Lake City Church	25 000 00	
Glendale Sanitarium Building	10 000 00	
Churches Unassigned	<u>35 000 00</u>	100 000 00
Southern Union		
Savannah, Ga. Regional Church	10 000 00	
Southern Missionary College Home Economics Bldg.	50 000 00	
Churches Unassigned	30 000 00	
Orlando, Fla. Regional Church	<u>10 000 00</u>	100 000 00
Southwestern Union		
Southwestern Junior College	50 000 00	
Dallas Regional Church	20 000 00	
Keene Church	10 000 00	
Churches Unassigned	<u>20 000 00</u>	100 000 00

## Workers' Housing for Major Sanitariums

Atlantic Union	40 000 00	
Canadian Union	40 000 00	
Central Union	40 000 00	
Columbia Union	40 000 00	
Lake Union	40 000 00	
North Pacific Union	40 000 00	
Pacific Union	40 000 00	
Southern Union	40 000 00	
Southwestern Union	20 000 00	
		<u>340 000 00</u>

Total Special Appropriations for North American Division

1 370 000 00

## GENERAL FOR NORTH AMERICAN AND OVERSEAS DIVISIONS

Advanced Study for Geology and Paleontology		13 500 00
Assistance for Large Evangelistic Efforts in North America		150 000 00
Christian Record Benevolent Assn		5 000 00
College of Medical Evangelists		
Building Fund	90 000 00	
1957 Wage Increase	34 000 00	
Working Capital	<u>50 000 00</u>	174 000 00
Eastern Relief Warehouse Completion		7 000 00
Faith for Today (To be held until after later Board Meeting)		
Equipment	15 000 00	
Working Capital	<u>32 500 00</u>	47 500 00
Jewish Radio Broadcasts, New York		3 500 00
Literature Promotion		4 000 00
MV Field Guide Book		1 700 00
Oakwood College		
Accreditation	10 000 00	
Central Heating	7 000 00	
Completion of Auditorium	30 000 00	
Completion of Store-Bakery	10 000 00	
Food Locker	8 000 00	
Laundry Equipment	7 000 00	
Teachers' Cottages	15 000 00	
Truck	2 500 00	
Typewriters and Accounting Machine	7 000 00	
Water Pump	<u>2 000 00</u>	98 500 00
Potomac University		
University Buildings	760 000 00	
Graduate School		
Books	9 000 00	
Equipment	2 000 00	
Theological Seminary		
Evangelism	10 000 00	
Library Books	<u>3 000 00</u>	784 000 00
Public Relations Department		
Film	7 500 00	
Magazine Advertisements	<u>6 500 00</u>	14 000 00
Research on "Immortality"		1 000 00

Riverside Sanitarium		1043
Laundry Building	35 000 00	
New Boiler	<u>35 000 00</u>	70 000 00
Sabbath School Department Film		2 000 00
Schools of Nutrition		750 00
Temperance Societies		
Working Capital	10 000 00	
Film - "Cancer by the Carton"	<u>7 500 00</u>	17 500 00
Vellore Medical College Buildings		5 000 00
Voice of Prophecy Building Addition		35 000 00
White Index		<u>10 000 00</u>
Total Special Appropriations for North American and Overseas Divisions, General Items		<u><u>1 443 950 00</u></u>

#### SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS RECAP

Total for Overseas Divisions	2 000 000 00
Total for North American Division	1 370 000 00
Total for General Items	<u>1 443 950 00</u>
Total Special Appropriations	<u><u>4 813 950 00</u></u>

#### CHURCH EXTENSION

Overseas Divisions		
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 American Division		
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 Appropriations		<u><u>240 000 00</u></u>

## SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

Total Base Appropriations, All Divisions		15 688 453 62
Total Special Appropriations, All Divisions		4 813 950 00
Estimated Revertible Funds (Basis 1956)		
Overseas Divisions	1 852 581 88	
North American Division	<u>3 469 969 45</u>	<u>5 322 551 33</u>
Totals		25 824 954 95
Church Extension Funds		<u>240 000 00</u>
Grand Total Appropriations for 1958 Including Reversions (Basis 1956)		26 064 954 95
Total Appropriations 1957		<u>22 823 758 19</u>
Increase		<u><u>3 241 196 76</u></u>

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## EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE:

As we view God's close relationship to His remnant church during the past year and observe His guiding providence, His patient forbearance, and His loving ministry, we unite our expression of gratitude with those of Joshua and the Psalmist when they said, "Not one thing hath failed of the good things which the Lord ... God spake ...; all are come to pass ... and not one thing hath failed." (Joshua 23: 14) "He hath done marvelous things: His right hand, and His holy arm, hath gotten Him the victory." (Psalms 98: 1)

Amid increasing dangers God has cared for His people as well as having bestowed upon them spiritual and material blessings. He has caused to reach us, from barrier-imposed countries, stirring reports of the sustained fidelity and unity of our members and of the marvelous growth of His work. He has restrained the threatening war clouds, opened hitherto closed doors, and has blessed the world-wide evangelistic efforts of our ministers and lay members, both young and old. He has accorded His church more favorable recognition for effective witnessing, and this augurs the more extensive work that is to be done and the greater fruitage that is to be gathered under the latter rain. In these and numerous other heaven-sent blessings, we see the sufficiency of God's mighty power and better comprehend His work in righteousness. To Him we ascribe all praise.

We pledge anew our sincere devotion of body, soul, and spirit to a Christ-centered ministry. We humbly beseech our divine Lord for a keener realization of the seriousness of the hour, for a sincere reformation of spirit, and for a resurgence of Christian faith that will enable us to carry His work to its final and glorious victory.

We further express our warm appreciation to church members everywhere who so loyally support the cause of God through their liberal and sacrificial gifts, and we pledge ourselves to do all in our power to use the money carefully and in keeping with God's great purpose for this Advent Movement.

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On request of the Chairman, the Council delegates stood for a moment in gratitude, and the Council was closed with prayer by R. R. Figuhr. He asked that God's rich blessing might rest upon the funds appropriated, that wisdom may be given to use these funds wisely, and expressed thankfulness for the loyal and faithful support of the brethren.

The Council adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

R. R. Figuhr, Chairman  
W. R. Beach,  
J. I. Robison, Secretaries  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

## Two Hundred Thirty-first Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 31, 1957, 10:00 A.M.

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## PRESENT:

R. R. Figuhr, F. L. Peterson, R. H. Adair, R. A. Anderson, H. W. Barrows, W. R. Beach, W. H. Bergherm, C. W. Bozarth, N. F. Brewer, D. Lois Burnett, G. W. Chambers, J. E. Chase, E. E. Cossentine, E. D. Dick, L. K. Dickson, N. W. Dunn, H. T. Elliott, J. O. Gibson, E. B. Hare, W. J. Harris, W. A. Higgins, G. A. Husc, H. W. Klasor, F. B. Knight, T. E. Lucas, G. M. Mathews, D. A. McAdams, C. E. Moseley, Jr., A. V. Olson, E. E. Roenfelt, A. H. Rulkoetter, F. A. Soper, C. L. Torrey, G. E. Vandeman, B. E. Wagner, A. L. White.

Prayer by T. E. Lucas.

Minutes of the meetings of October 17 and 18, 1957 were approved.

## OLIVER L. JACQUES--MICHIGAN:

VOTED, To pass on to the College of Medical Evangelists the call from the Lake Union for Oliver L. Jacques, to connect with the Michigan Conference to serve as chaplain for the Michigan Sanitarium and also assistant district leader.

## JESSE O. GIBSON--MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS:

VOTED, To grant Ministerial Credentials to Jesse O. Gibson for the quadrennial period ending July 31, 1958, as he connects with the Temperance office of the General Conference.

## A. A. LEISKE--CONTINUATION OF APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, That we make an appropriation for 1958 from the General Conference Contingency Fund to the Minnesota Conference, of the equivalent of the salary of A. A. Leiske of the American Religious Town Hall Meeting.

## BOARD MEETINGS, PACIFIC COAST--JANUARY, 1958:

VOTED, To approve the following schedule of board meetings on the Pacific Coast in January, 1958:

January 24, Friday--CME Administrators' Meeting  
 January 26, Sunday--CME Administrators' Meeting  
 January 27, Monday--Pacific Press Board  
 January 28, Tuesday--Voice of Prophecy Board  
 January 29, 30, Wednesday until Thursday noon--  
 College of Medical Evangelists Board  
 January 30, afternoon and evening--Loma Linda  
 Food Company Board

VOTED, To authorize the attendance of the following persons at the Board meetings scheduled above from January 24-30: R. R. Figuhr, C. L. Torrey, W. R. Beach, W. B. Ochs, E. E. Cossentine, T. R. Flaiz, M.D.

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## W. H. WILLIAMS--RETIREMENT MOVING ALLOWANCE:

VOTED, That the moving allowance with respect to W. H. Williams' retirement and transfer to California apply until after the General Conference session in 1958.

## OVERSEAS VISITS:

VOTED, To authorize the following regarding overseas visits:

R. R. Figuhr--released from appointments Far Eastern Division, Winter 1957-1958;

A. L. Ham--released from appointments Southern Asia Division, Winter 1957-1958;

A. L. Ham, appointments in Far Eastern Division, November 12, 1957 to January 30, 1958.

## LEON HILAIRE--AUSTRALIA:

VOTED, To request the Southern European Division to release Leon Hilaire, and to invite him to connect with the Australasian Division as a worker for New Caledonia.

## R. E. DALE--TEKERANI MISSION, SOUTHERN AFRICA:

VOTED, To request the Southwestern Union and the Texas Conference to release R. E. Dale, and to invite him to connect with the Southern African Division to serve as station director of the Tokerani Mission in the Nyasaland Union.

## MRS. VERA MADGWICK--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Mrs. Vera Madgwick (wife of Dr. G. S. Madgwick, deceased) from South Africa to her homeland, England, at her request and on recommendation of the Southern African Division.

## LOLA LEVISON--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Miss Lola Levison from the call to Kenya, at her request.

## R. S. MOORE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return to the homeland of R. S. Moore, of the Philippines, on his request and the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

## STEVEN P. VITRANO--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return to the homeland of Steven P. Vitrano, from Southern Asia, on his request because of the health situation of their parents, and on the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

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## W. L. PARKER--BEKWAI TRAINING SCHOOL, WEST AFRICA:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union and the Montana Conference to release W. L. Parker, of Mount Ellis Academy, and to invite him to connect with the Northern European Division, for service in the West African Union as science teacher for the Bekwai Training School, Ghana.

## EVELYN MAY IRVINE--VINCENT HILL SCHOOL, SOUTHERN ASIA:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Evelyn May Irvine of Australia the call from the Southern Asia Division to connect with the Vincent Hill school as matron-nurse.

## MARVIN MOORE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Marvin Moore, son of F. B. Moore of the Antillian Union, Inter-America, for educational purposes.

## W. FRED RILEY--NIGERIAN TRAINING COLLEGE, WEST AFRICA:

VOTED, To pass on to W. Fred Riley the call from the Northern European Division for him to connect with the Nigerian Training College, West Africa, to serve as chemistry teacher.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

Wesley Amundsen--Pacific Union, visit Indian work, December 4-12 (in connection with trip to Southwestern Union);

R. A. Anderson--Michigan Conference, Workers' Meeting, February 11-13; also Southern Union, Workers' Meetings, revival, speaking appointments, January 2-20, 1958;

W. R. Beach--Northern Union, Workers' Meetings, November 4-6;

J. A. Buckwalter--Canadian Union, visit both colleges (evangelism) and give evangelistic counsel in Toronto, November 1-11;

G. W. Chambers--Southern Union, visit Army installations, December 1-21;

J. E. Chase--Columbus, Ohio, speaking appointments, November 23;

E. E. Cossentine--Oshawa, Ontario, Canadian Union College Board, Oshawa Missionary College Board, Union Committee, Press Board, Rest Haven Board, November 3-7;

D. A. Delafield--Florida, Workers' Meeting, January 5-9, 1958;

E. N. Dick--Atlantic Union, Medical Cadet work, November 8-15; Central Union, Medical Cadet work in academics, month of January, 1958;

R. R. Figuhr--Northern Union, Church dedication, Union Committee, November 15-17;

C. E. Guenther--Pacific Union, speaking appointments, January 3-February 1, 1958;

W. A. Higgins--Minneapolis, Minn., Northern Union Publishing Council, November 25, 26 (from Lake Union);

Mildred Johnson--Michigan and Wisconsin, Missionary Volunteer work, January 10-19, 1958;

N. W. Litchfield--Detroit and other points in Michigan, ESDA business, November 4, 5;

H. W. Lowe--North Carolina, Church Officers' Conventions, December 7-14, Flint and Lansing, Michigan, Sabbath School work, January 24-February 3;



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G. M. Mathews--Pacific Union, including Hawaii, inspection and rating elementary schools, January 1-25, 1958;

C. E. Moseley--South Central Conference, speaking appointments Week of Prayer, November 2-23;

A. H. Rulkoetter--Miami, Florida, Union and Local Departmental Secretaries' Council, November 4-7.

#### SUBSIDIES FROM SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BOOK FUND:

VOTED, That the following appropriations be granted from the Spirit of Prophecy Book Fund, as subsidies on the printing of Spirit of Prophecy books:

\$425.00 to South American Division, for Christian Service, in Spanish;  
 \$ 1,250.00 to Northern European Division, for Desire of Ages in Norwegian (for use as a subscription book);  
 \$ 300.00 to Northern European Division, for Steps to Christ, in Amharic, for use in Ethiopia.

#### PUBLISHING REHABILITATION APPROPRIATIONS:

VOTED, To grant the following appropriations from the Publishing Rehabilitation Fund:

\$2,650.00 to Far Eastern Division, for type metal for Korean Publishing House;  
 \$5,000.00 to Southern European Division, for small offset printing plant for Israel Mission.

#### J. E. KEPLINGER--CHAPLAINCY:

Inasmuch as Chaplain J. E. Keplinger has served as a chaplain in the armed forces for a period of five years, and desires to continue his service for an additional five years, and requests the approval of the General Conference in order to safeguard his sustentation status in harmony with the terms of the sustentation policy, it was

VOTED, That we register approval of Chaplain J. E. Keplinger's further service with the armed forces, up to five years, in harmony with his request, and according to the policy.

#### J. B. KEITH AND KILA GALAMA--ITINERARY: .:

VOTED, To approve the itinerary of Pastors J. B. Keith and Kila Galama, of New Guinea, as arranged by the North American Committee on Travel (copy of which itinerary is on file in the Secretarial Office); and that the North American Committee on Travel is hereby authorized to make any adjustments in the itinerary that may be necessary.

#### R. L. BENTON--SYMPATHY TO RELATIVES FLORAL TRIBUTE:

Information was received early this morning of the death of R. L. Benton, Religious Liberty, Industrial Relations, and Temperance Secretary for the Pacific Union. It was

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VOTED, That we record our admiration and appreciation for the long, devoted service of R. L. Benton, and express to his family our deep sympathy.

VOTED, further, To authorize the Treasurer to send a floral tribute.

R. R. Figuhr, Chairman;  
F. L. Peterson, Secretary;  
Marjorie Marsh, Assistant  
Recording Secretary