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## ELLEN G. WHITE ESTATE--LEGAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, To authorize the payment of \$2,278.70 for legal expenses in connection with the Ellen G. White Estate, the amount to be charged to the Contingency Fund.

## DAVID MAXSON--CHANGE OF STATUS:

VOTED, That the status of David Maxson, permanently returned from the Inter-American Division for educational reasons, be changed to that of a furlough basis, as it is planned that he return with his parents, Elder and Mrs. Glenn A. Maxson, to Colombia following their furlough.

## GERALD M. FILLMAN--PASTOR--EVANGELIST ARUBA:

VOTED, That the Southwestern Union and Texico Conferences be requested to release Gerald M. Fillman, and to invite him to connect with the Inter-American Division as pastor-evangelist for Aruba.

## J. H. TOPPENBERG--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release J. H. Toppenberg from the call to Rangoon, Burma, since for family reasons they are not clear in accepting the call, and also because of his commitments to the Potomac Conference in a building program.

## MARJORIE LANGE--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Miss Marjorie Lange from the call to connect with the Karachi S.D.A. Hospital and Sanitarium, in West Pakistan, she having declined in view of her plans for marriage.

## SHEILA ROBERTSON--NURSE FOR KENDU:

VOTED, To invite Miss Sheila Robertson, who is to obtain her B.S. degree in nursing shortly from Emmanuel Missionary College and the Hinsdale Sanitarium, to connect with the Southern African Division, for service as a nurse in the Kendu Hospital in East Africa.

## MERCEDES ENGLAND--GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Inter-American Division the call for Miss Mercedes England to connect with the General Conference office, for secretarial work in the Home Missionary Department.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To authorize appointments and itineraries as follows:

Wesley Amundsen--Madison College, Laymen's Extension League, October 9-12; Battle Creek, Michigan, ASI Sectional Convention, November 1-6;

J. A. Buckwalter--Dallas, Texas, NASDAD Convention, November 7, 8, 9; and to look after certain Religious Liberty matters while in the vicinity;

D. Lois Burnett--New England Sanitarium and Atlantic Union College, visit nursing departments, October 13-15;

Gladys Clarke--Battle Creek, Michigan, ASI Sectional Convention, November 2-6;

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E. E. Cleveland--Columbus and Oberlin, Ohio, speaking appointments, October 13-15;

E. W. Dunbar--Miami, Florida (from New Orleans), interview prospective missionaries;

Joyce Hopp--Forest Lake Academy, Health Education work, November 10, 11 (in connection with Advisory Meetings); other academies in Southern Union, Health Education work, February 1-15;

H. W. Klaser, C. W. Bozarth--Indianapolis, Indiana, Workshop and Meeting, Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, National Council of Churches, December 9-11;

C. E. Moseley--San Antonio, Texas, speaking appointments, October 11-18;

W. B. Ochs--Miami, Florida, Conference and Union Departmental Meetings, November 3-5;

F. L. Peterson--Milwaukee, Wisconsin, dedication of church and speaking appointments, November 1-15;

F. O. Rittenhouse--Washington, D.C., Potomac University Board, as arranged; Philadelphia, American Religious Town Hall, as arranged;

Clark Smith--Lincoln, Nebraska, move Medical Cadet supplies to Washington (by automobile) as arranged;

#### NASHVILLE AGRICULTURAL AND NORMAL INSTITUTE--REPRESENTATIVES:

VOTED, That W. P. Bradley, C. W. Bozarth, and F. A. Mote be appointed as General Conference representatives on the Constituency of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute, which is the legal holding corporation for the properties at Madison, Tennessee, in addition to the three ex officio members, the Secretary of the Association of Self-Supporting Institutions, the Secretary of the Medical Department, and the Secretary of the Department of Education.

#### WEEK OF PRAYER READINGS--REPORT OF COMMITTEE:

VOTED, To accept the report of the Committee which was requested to suggest writers and subjects for the 1959 Week of Prayer Readings, as follows:

	<u>Writer</u>	<u>Topic</u>
First Sabbath	Elder R. R. Figuhr	"Even at the Door"
Sunday	Pastor M. S. Nigri	"No Other Name"
Monday	Pastor H. J. Leung	"Not by Bread Alone"
Tuesday	Elder L. B. Reynolds	"As For Me and My House"
Wednesday	Elder W. E. Murray	"By My Spirit"
Thursday	Elder W. P. Bradley	"The Uttermost Part of the World"
Friday	Elder A. C. Fearing	"A Spectacle Unto the World, and to Angels, and to Men" (particularly for youth)
Second Sabbath	Mrs. E. G. White	"Lift Up Your Eyes, and Look on the Fields"

Further VOTED, That Mrs. H. J. Westphal be invited to write the series of lessons for the children during the Week of Prayer.

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Further VOTED, That the writers of the Week of Prayer Readings be requested to submit their manuscripts not later than January 15, 1959.

COMMITTEE ON JEWISH WORK--ACTION RESCINDED:

VOTED, To rescind the action taken by the General Conference Committee on July 10, 1958, appointing a Committee on Jewish Work, because of the re-constitution of this Committee under the name of the Hebrew Scripture Association. The members of the Hebrew Scripture Association are as follows: F. A. Mote, Chairman; W. Amundsen, Secretary; O. A. Blake, Treasurer; V. G. Anderson, F. L. Baer, E. L. Branson, R. F. Cottrell, A. A. Esteb, W. A. Fagal, H. K. Halladay, J. M. Hoffman, W. B. Ochs, W. E. Read, Herbert Silver, and Carl Rafey.

Adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

R. R. Figuhr, Chairman  
E. W. Dunbar, Secretary  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

## Seventeenth Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 9, 1958, 10 A.M.

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## PRESENT:

H. L. Rudy, E. W. Dunbar, R. H. Adair, Wesley Amundsen, R. A. Anderson, V. G. Anderson, W. R. Beach, O. A. Blake, J. A. Buckwalter, E. E. Cossentine, N. W. Dunn, H. T. Elliott, A. C. Fearing, R. R. Figuhr, C. E. Guenther, Richard Hammill, W. J. Harris, H. W. Klaser, F. B. Knight, T. E. Lucas, L. L. Moffitt, F. A. Mote, W. E. Murray, A. V. Olson, F. A. Soper, E. W. Tarr, W. H. Teesdale, C. L. Torrey, Howard Weeks

## OTHERS PRESENT:

W. H. Beaven, Herbert Ford, and C. D. Forshee

Information had come that Dr. F. H. Yost, who has recently connected with La Sierra College, in Arlington, California, is seriously ill. Request has been made for prayer in his behalf. R. R. Figuhr, E. E. Cossentine, and A. C. Fearing offered prayer, especially remembering Doctor Yost in their intercessions.

MINUTES of the meeting held October 2, 1958 were approved.

## J. O. IVERSEN--PACIFIC UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Voice of Prophecy Board the call from the Pacific Union for J. O. Iversen, to serve as Public Relations Secretary of the Union.

## FLOYD TUCKER--SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Voice of Prophecy Board the call from the Southwestern Union for Floyd Tucker, to connect with Southwestern Junior College Press as foreman of the pressroom.

## DR. E. HEPPENSTALL--UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the SDA Theological Seminary the request from the Central Union for Dr. E. Heppenstall to conduct the Spring Week of Prayer at Union College, March 20-28, 1959.

## JOYCE LORNTZ--FURLOUGH STATUS:

VOTED, To rescind the action taken by the General Conference Committee on May 1, 1958, authorizing a permanent return for Miss Joyce Lorntz, and that she be placed on a furlough status.

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## BARBARA MCDONALD--LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

VOTED, To concur in the authorization given by the Inter-American Division for a leave of absence for Barbara McDonald from the Bella Vista Hospital, in Puerto Rico, from November 1, 1958 to June 30, 1959.

## L. K. RITTENHOUSE, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of L. K. Rittenhouse, M.D., and family from Jamaica, at his personal request, as approved by the Inter-American Division. He is to return to the United States about February 24, 1959.

## VICTOR DUERKSEN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Victor Duerksen from the Bella Vista Hospital, in Puerto Rico, to afford their children educational privileges, in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

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## M. J. SORENSEN, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That the permanent return of M. J. Sorensen, <sup>Ph.</sup> M.D., from the West Indian Training College in Jamaica, already authorized, be effective October 15, 1958.

## W. J. GARDNER, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of W. J. Gardner, M.D., from Jamaica, on his request, because of a family health problem, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

## B. H. WESTPHAL, M.D.--BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That B. H. Westphal, M.D., now under deferred appointment to the Inter-American Division, be definitely assigned as general practitioner for the Bella Vista Hospital, in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, to go forward at the close of his residency, February 15, 1959.

IVAN E. PEACOCK--<sup>Teheran</sup>BAGHDAD:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union and Madison College to release Ivan E. Peacock, and to invite him to connect with the Middle East Division, as physiotherapist for ~~the Dar Es Salaam Hospital, in Baghdad.~~ <sup>Teheran</sup>

## R. R. BANKS--SPICER COLLEGE:

VOTED, To request the Canadian Union and Oshawa Missionary College to release R. R. Banks, and to invite him to connect with the Southern Asia Division as a teacher for Spicer Memorial College.

## H. L. HENRIKSEN--NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division the call from the Northern European Division for H. L. Henriksen, to serve as assistant treasurer and auditor for the Northern European Division.



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## BRUCE BRANSON, M.D.--DAR ES SALAAM HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To invite Bruce Branson, M.D., of Covina, California, now under deferred appointment, to connect with the Middle East Division, for service in the Dar Es Salaam Hospital, to go forward after the completion of his residency in July, 1961.

## DRS. WM. H. AND KAREN SHEA--GIFFARD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To invite Drs. Wm. H. and Karen Shea, of the College of Medical Evangelists, Dr. Wm. H. Shea being now under deferred appointment, to connect with the Southern Asia Division for service in the Giffard Memorial Hospital, Nuzvid, South India.

## C. E. STEWART, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release C. E. Stewart, M.D., of Bakersfield, California, from appointment to the Vellore Medical College and Southern Asia Division, information being received that A. J. Patt, M.D., plans to return to the Vellore Christian Medical College after a vacation in the United States.

## MARION BARLOW--FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division the call from the Far Eastern Division for Miss Marion Barlow, to serve as stenographer in the Far Eastern Division office, it being suggested that the division make investigation of her suitability.

## R. J. STEELE, M.D.--SINGAPORE:

VOTED, To invite R. J. Steele, M.D., of Thornhill, Ontario, Canada, to connect with the Far Eastern Division, to serve in the Youngberg Memorial Hospital, in Singapore, it being understood that his sustentation, because of his age when entering the work, would be on a reduced rate.

## HUGH COY--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Hugh M. Coy from the call to connect with the Bugema Training College in Uganda, since for family reasons the way is not clear for his acceptance.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To authorize appointments and itineraries as follows:

J. E. Chase--Minneapolis, Minn., Union Departmental Council, October 13-16 (from Canada); Southwestern Junior College, Week of Prayer, November 7-15 (from Los Angeles);

E. E. Cossentine--Atlanta, Georgia, Elementary and Secondary Teachers' Convention, November 14, 15 (en route from Miami);

N. W. Dunn--Buck Hill Falls, Study Conference, Committee on Co-operation in Latin America, November 6-8;

Richard Hammill--Oakwood College, Building Problems, October 8;

Harry House, Jr.--Lansing, Michigan, Workers' Meeting (Insurance), October 5-7;

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## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES (Concluded):

Carl Sundin--St. Louis, Mo., American Public Health Association Meeting, October 28-30; Lansing, Detroit, Flint, visit interns, October 31-November 5; Dallas, Texas, NASDAD Meeting, November 6-9 (will be in Miami, November 10-14 for Advisory Meeting); Shreveport, La., visit interns, en route to Florida;

R. S. Watts--Battle Creek, Mich., Civil Defense Religious Affairs Course, October 7-9;

Howard Weeks--Oshawa and Toronto, Union Public Relations Departmental Council; Public Relations contacts in Toronto, at Branson Hospital, and at College, November 3-5.

## MEMORIAL GRAVES OF PIONEERS--COMMITTEE ON:

There is apparently an overlapping of responsibilities in the work of the Committee on Memorial Graves of Pioneers and an ex-officio committee provided for in the General Conference Working Policy. It was

VOTED, To discharge the Committee on Memorial Graves of Pioneers appointed by the General Conference Committee on July 10, 1958.

## COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS SEMINARS--F. B. KNIGHT:

VOTED, That F. B. Knight be appointed as a member of the Committee appointed to foster Seminars in Public Relations. The personnel of the Committee is now as follows: W. E. Murray, Chairman; Howard Weeks, Vice-Chairman; E. W. Tarr, Secretary; W. P. Bradley, E. E. Cossentine, F. B. Knight, and Richard Hammill.

## SPIRIT OF PROPHECY CORRESPONDENCE COURSE--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, To accept as satisfactory the work of the Committee on the Spirit of Prophecy Correspondence Course, and that the Committee be dissolved as soon as the lessons are completed.

## SPIRIT OF PROPHECY COMMITTEE--PROMOTION WORK:

VOTED, To request the Spirit of Prophecy Committee to prepare plans for the promotion and carrying forward of the Spirit of Prophecy Correspondence Course.

## COMMITTEE ON RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE--GEORGE SUHRIE:

VOTED, On suggestion that a layman be appointed to serve on the Committee on Religion in American Life, that George Suhrie, of the New Jersey Conference, be appointed to serve as a representative.

## COLPORTEURS FOR GERMANY:

In harmony with the recommendations appearing in the General Conference Committee minutes of June 29, 1958, with regard to colporteur work for United States troops overseas, it was

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VOTED, To approve the appointment of the following colporteurs to serve in military camps in Germany: Robert Whitsett, Jr., and Harold Reeder, both of whom are students at Union College.

VELLORE MEDICAL COLLEGE COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the Vellore Medical College Committee, appointed by the General Conference Committee on August 7, 1958, be discontinued, it being understood that the Southern Asia Division will continue to keep in close touch with the program of the Vellore Medical College.

VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

VOTED, To authorize visits to overseas fields by General Conference workers as follows:

H. E. Rice--Far Eastern Division, Nov. 5, 1958-Jan. 10, 1959;  
W. A. Higgins--Australasian Division, Feb. 22-April 30, 1959;  
J. E. Edwards--Australasian Division, September, October, and November of 1959.

C. L. TORREY--RELEASED FROM VISIT WEST AFRICA:

VOTED, That C. L. Torrey be released from a trip to West Africa for two weeks, as voted in the General Conference Committee of August 21, 1958.

Adjourned at 11 A.M.

H. L. Rudy, Chairman  
E. W. Dunbar, Secretary  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

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## Eighteenth Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 16, 1958, 10:00 A.M.

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## PRESENT:

V. G. Anderson, F. R. Millard, R. H. Adair, Wesley Amundsen, R. A. Anderson, W. R. Beach, E. L. Becker, O. A. Blake, H. P. Bloum, C. W. Bozarth, W. P. Bradley, J. A. Buckwalter, D. Lois Burnett, M. V. Campbell, E. E. Cleveland, E. E. Cossentine, E. D. Dick, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, J. E. Edwards, H. T. Elliott, R. R. Figuhr, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., C. E. Guenther, Richard Hammill, W. J. Harris, H. W. Klaser, F. B. Knight, L. E. Lenheim, T. E. Lucas, L. L. Moffitt, F. A. Mote, O. O. Mattison, W. E. Murray, W. B. Ochs, A. V. Olson, J. W. Peeke, L. R. Rasmussen, E. E. Roenfelt, H. L. Rudy, E. W. Tarr, W. H. Teesdale, C. L. Torrey, E. R. Walde, R. S. Watts, Howard Weeks, A. L. White

## OTHERS PRESENT:

D. A. Delafield, Herbert Ford, N. W. Litchfield

V. G. Anderson read a paragraph from pages 391 and 392 of Christ's Object Lessons, beginning with this sentence: "Wherever there is an impulse of love and sympathy, wherever the heart reaches out to bless and uplift others, there is revealed the working of God's Holy Spirit."

Prayer by O. O. Mattison, on furlough from the Southern Asia Division.

MINUTES of the meeting held October 9, 1958 were approved.

## WEEK OF PRAYER--CHILDREN'S LESSONS:

It was explained that Mrs. H. J. Westphal, who had been invited to write the Children's Lessons for the 1959 Week of Prayer, would be unable to do so.

VOTED, That Mrs. Leslie Hardinge, whose husband is head of the Department of Religion of Washington Missionary College, be invited to prepare the series of lessons for the children during the 1959 Week of Prayer.

## DETROIT UNEMPLOYMENT CASE--EXPENSE:

VOTED, To authorize the Treasury to share the expense of the court costs, according to the policy, in connection with the unemployment case of Clarence O'Neal, of Detroit, Michigan.

## CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE--SUNDAY LAW, EXPENSE:

VOTED, To authorize the Treasury to share the expense of the court costs, according to the policy, in the Sunday-law appeal case of Ray German, of the Chesapeake Conference.

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## FRANCES NOWLIN--RETIREMENT:

On request of Miss Frances Nowlin, it was

VOTED, To arrange for the retirement, effective October 31, 1958, of Miss Frances Nowlin, a worker of long experience in the General Conference office, and to refer her name to the Sustentation Committee.

## EXCHANGE SPONSORSHIPS:

VOTED, To grant the request of the Far Eastern Division that we authorize exchange sponsorships for the following nurses from the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital to take advanced training at the Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital: Eunice T. Imperio, and Anicia N. Apostol.

## MR. AND MRS. GLEN ROSS--LOMA LINDA SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conferences the call for Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ross of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium and Hospital, to connect with the College of Medical Evangelists, Mr. Ross to be desk clerk at the Loma Linda Sanitarium and Hospital and Mrs. Ross to join the nursing service.

## DAVID J. DABSON--AUSTRALASIA:

VOTED, To record the transfer of David J. Dabson, now connected with the British Union, to the Australasian Division, on his own responsibility, and with the understanding it is on the basis of the policy applicable to such a transfer.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To authorize appointments and itineraries as follows:

- J. E. Edwards--Miami, Florida, Southern Union Home Missionary Council and Laymen's Convention, November 3-8;  
 G. A. Huse--Miami, Florida, Southern Union Publishing Council, November 3-6;  
 C. E. Moseley, Jr.--Nashville, Tennessee, Week of Prayer, November 23-30;  
 L. R. Rasmussen--Central Union, inspect academies, December 5-16;  
 Dr. Jess Holm--Walla Walla, Washington, Alumni Association, September 5-7;  
                   Walla Walla, Washington, Alumni Association, November 8;  
                   Olympia, Chehalis, Ritzville, Washington, speaking appointments; dates as arranged;  
 L. B. Halliwell--Charles City, Iowa, speaking appointments, October 16-25 (week ends only);  
                   Nebraska Conference, speaking appointments, October 26-November 2;  
                   Texas Conference, speaking appointments, November 5-30 (week ends only);  
                   Pacific Union, speaking appointments, December  
                   " " " " " January (week ends only)  
                   North Pacific Union, " " " February  
                   " " " " " March (week ends only).

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STANLEY C. BUNGARD; M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Stanley C. Bungard, M.D., of Stayton, Oregon, from the call to the Benghazi Hospital, in Libya, in harmony with his request.

JEANETTE MORGAN--SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION:

VOTED, To request the Australasian Division to release Miss Jeanette Morgan, and to invite her to connect with the Southern Asia Division for secretarial service in the Poona office.

EVLYN M. LINDBERG--MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE:

VOTED, To request the Southwestern Union and Southwestern Junior College to release Miss Evlyn M. Lindberg, and to invite her to connect with the Middle East Division as English language teacher in the Middle East College.

M. E. W. PAYNE--BURMA:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Central California Conferences to release M. E. W. Payne, and to invite him to connect with the Southern Asia Division as pastor-evangelist for Burma.

MARJORIE YOUNG, M.D.--KARACHI:

VOTED, To invite Marjorie Young, M.D., now in government service in New Guinea, to connect with the Southern Asia Division, for service in the Karachi SDA Hospital, West Pakistan.

ROY MATTHEWS, JR., M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Roy Matthews, Jr., M.D., of Charlotte, Michigan, from the call to connect with the staff of the Saigon Adventist Hospital, in Vietnam, on his request.

GEORGIA WENTWORTH--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Miss Georgia Wentworth, of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, from the call to secretarial work in the South American Division office, since because of family responsibilities she is not free to accept.

VERNON L. CURTIS, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Vernon L. Curtis, M.D., of Port Hueneme, California, from appointment to the Malayan Union, since the way is not clear at present for him to go forward.

MELVIN E. BELTZ, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Melvin E. Beltz, M.D., of North Dakota, from appointment to connect with the staff of the Bandung Mission Hospital, in Java, on his request.

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## GRACE ROBINSON--SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, To request the Central Union and Missouri Conferences to release Miss Grace Robinson, and to invite her to connect with the South American Division office for stenographic work.

## AMANDA S. NUKA--HOME BASE:

Miss Amanda S. Nuka, now on furlough from the West African Union Mission, is an Estonian by birth. She is planning to return to the mission field. Her present status is that of a displaced person. She cannot return to her home country. It was

VOTED, That the North American Division be regarded as the home base of Miss Amanda S. Nuka.

## F. D. NICHOL--CIVIL DEFENSE MEETING:

VOTED, To pass on to the Review and Herald Board the suggestion that F. D. Nichol be appointed as a representative to the Civil Defense Meeting, to be held in Battle Creek, Michigan, November 2-4, 1958.

## F. D. NICHOL--FIFTH WORLD ORDER STUDY CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Review and Herald Board the suggestion that F. D. Nichol be appointed as the Seventh-day Adventist representative at the Fifth World Order Study Conference, in Cleveland, Ohio, November 18-21, 1958.

Adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

V. G. Anderson, Chairman  
F. R. Millard, Secretary  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary



## AUTUMN COUNCIL

Takoma Park, D.C., October 21-28, 1958

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Nineteenth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 21, 1958, 10:30 A.M.

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The first business session of the Autumn Council convened in the Takoma Park S.D.A. Church, at 10:30 A.M., October 21.

## PRESENT:

R. R. Figuhr, W. R. Beach, R. H. Adair, G. O. Adams, K. F. Ambs, Wesley Amundsen, R. A. Anderson, V. G. Anderson, R. C. Baker, H. W. Barrows, Carl Becker, E. L. Becker, R. R. Bietz, Lloyd E. Biggs, W. J. Blacker, O. A. Blake, F. L. Bland, H. P. Bloum, J. W. Bothe, C. W. Bozarth, W. P. Bradley, E. L. Branson, N. F. Brewer, J. A. Buckwalter, C. M. Bunker, D. Lois Burnett, D. C. Butherus, M. V. Campbell, H. J. Capman, Theodore Carcich, J. E. Chase, W. L. Cheatham, C. C. Cleveland, E. E. Cleveland, A. W. Cormack, C. G. Cross, W. A. Dessain, E. D. Dick, J. L. Dittberner, N. R. Dower, N. W. Dunn, E. W. Dunbar, M. K. Eckenroth, J. E. Edwards, H. T. Elliott, W. P. Elliott, I. M. Evans, L. C. Evans, A. C. Fearing, R. E. Finney, Jr., L. S. Follette, W. W. Fordham, L. E. Froom, T. R. Gardner, O. T. Garner, A. E. Gibb, J. O. Gibson, A. J. Gordon, E. L. Green, C. E. Guenther, W. J. Hackett, A. L. Ham, Richard Hammill, L. F. Hardin, W. J. Harris, H. D. Henriksen, W. A. Higgins, W. B. Hill, M. D. Howard, D. W. Hunter, G. A. Huse, G. E. Hutches, H. R. Jenkins, K. D. Johnson, G. E. Jones, R. S. Joyce, C. H. Kelly, H. W. Kibble, A. Kiesz, H. W. Klaser, H. C. Klement, Louise C. Kleuser, F. B. Knight, J. C. Kozel, A. C. Larson, C. H. Lauda, L. E. Lenheim, M. E. Loewen, T. E. Lucas

G. M. Mathews, O. O. Mattison, D. A. McAdams, F. R. Millard, Garland Millet, A. E. Millner, M. L. Mills, L. L. Moffitt, E. A. Moon, Philip Moores, C. E. Moseley, Jr., F. A. Mote, W. E. Murray, C. J. Nagele, G. R. Nash, J. R. Nelson, W. A. Nelson, L. H. Netteburg, R. H. Nightingale, W. B. Ochs, A. V. Olson, E. R. Osmunson, C. E. Palmer, A. J. Patzer, J. W. Peeke, G. E. Peters, N. C. Petersen, F. L. Peterson, W. E. Phillips, C. E. Randolph, M.D., L. R. Rasmussen, W. E. Read, H. V. Reed, H. E. Rice, H. M. S. Richards, F. O. Rittenhouse, V. L. Roberts, J. I. Robison, E. E. Roenfelt, R. P. Rowe, H. L. Rudy, G. H. Rustad, Cree Sandefur, F. O. Sanders, B. L. Schlotthauer, H. E. Schneider, F. W. Schnepfer, C. A. Scriven, J. V. Scully, H. A. Shepard, W. H. Shephard, J. C. Shull, H. D. Singleton, L. A. Skinner, L. E. Smart, Clark Smith, J. D. Smith, F. A. Soper, L. M. Stump, Carl Sundin, M. C. Taft, E. W. Tarr, G. E. Taylor, W. H. Teesdale, C. L. Torrey, T. E. Unruh, G. E. Vandeman, D. E. Venden, E. R. Walde, R. S. Watts, H. B. Weeks, F. W. Wernick, A. L. White, N. C. Wilson, Neal C. Wilson, I. J. Woodman

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## OTHERS PRESENT:

A. J. Clark, M. E. Evans, I. E. Gillis, Clyde Harris, N. W. Litchfield, R. E. Parks, A. E. Rawson, J. A. Stevens, L. G. Storz, F. D. Wells, R. C. Williams

The opening hymn was "A Wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord," No. 651 in the Church Hymnal.

W. R. Beach led in prayer, asking that those present be blessed in council, inspired, and strengthened; and remembering also those who are looking to the Council that they might be comforted and inspired.

"Watchman, Blow the Gospel Trumpet" was sung.

The Chairman, R. R. Figuhr, read selections from the 1st chapter of Joshua, as to the death of Moses, and the words of the Lord to Joshua: "Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan... as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage;..Be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law.... Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid." The Lord expects that kind of courage in those who lead out in His work. In Isaiah 30: 15 the Lord says: "In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." "Hope and courage are essential to perfect service for God. ... Despondency is sinful and unreasonable."--Prophets and Kings, p. 164.

Someone has said: "It takes courage to stand up and be counted, but the real test of courage is to keep on standing after being counted."

Inspiration wrote a long time ago: "World conditions may change. We will have to adapt ourselves to changed situations, but the general features of our work are to remain unchanged." That is comforting. The general features of it are to endure. I am glad that is so. What a wonderful organization we have! I never cease to marvel at the completeness of it, how well it fits the world, and how wonderfully it works. A writer in Life spoke of it as follows a number of weeks ago: "The Seventh-day Adventists are the most organized group. They closely control their 1,201 churches in the world from Washington." There is a grain of truth in this, in that we unite on a program. We decide on our policies and they are worldwide in extent and application.

He quoted from Testimonies, Volume 4, page 459, in which the statement is made that we must live a twofold life, a life of thought and action, of silent prayer and earnest work.

Elder Figuhr closed this challenging message by emphasizing the need of complete dedication to the cause. God Himself in a sense is dependent on us, dependent upon our loyalty and dedicated strength. This is the counsel David gave to his son Solomon: "Serve the Lord with all thy strength." The Lord said to Joshua: "Be strong and very courageous...As I was with Moses, so I shall be with thee." May the Lord imbue us with that spirit. May He sustain us in our Council here, and as we go back to our fields, let us be loyal to the Lord, and true to Him unto the end.

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A season of prayer followed, led by L. E. Froom, Lloyd E. Biggs, and L. C. Evans.

After an intermission of five minutes, the Council was resumed at 11:40 A.M., with prayer by M. V. Campbell.

Elder Figuhr spoke a word of welcome to every one in attendance at the Council. This included the local conference presidents, union conference treasurers, and a number of our retired brethren.

#### 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. D. Dick	F. R. Millard	D. R. Rees
G. T. Anderson	E. W. Dunbar	E. A. Moon	F. O. Rittenhouse
V. G. Anderson	N. W. Dunn	W. E. Murray	E. E. Roenfelt
W. R. Beach	L. C. Evans	W. A. Nelson	H. L. Rudy
O. A. Blake	W. J. Hackett	R. H. Nightingale	F. W. Schnepfer
C. W. Bozarth	F. B. Knight	C. E. Palmer	C. A. Scriven
W. P. Bradley	L. E. Lenheim	F. L. Peterson	J. D. Smith
M. V. Campbell	O. O. Mattison	W. B. Ochs	I. J. Woodman
T. Carcich			

##### DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR

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W. P. Bradley, Secretary

R. H. Adair	N. W. Dunn	T. E. Lucas	W. E. Phillips
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## BUDGET

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

R. H. Adair	H. T. Elliott	J. L. McElhany	H. L. Rudy
V. G. Anderson	L. C. Evans	A. E. Millner	F. O. Sanders
W. R. Beach	R. R. Figuhr	W. E. Murray	B. L. Schlotthauer
E. L. Becker	A. J. Gordon	C. J. Nagele	H. E. Schneider
Carl Becker	W. J. Hackett	G. R. Nash	F. W. Schnepfer
W. J. Blacker	A. L. Ham	W. A. Nelson	C. A. Scriven
W. P. Bradley	W. B. Hill	F. D. Nichol	H. A. Shepard
W. H. Branson	M. D. Howard	R. H. Nightingale	H. D. Singleton
N. F. Brewer	D. W. Hunter	W. B. Ochs	J. D. Smith
G. W. Bozarth	G. A. Huse	A. V. Olson	R. A. Smithwick
M. V. Campbell	F. B. Knight	C. E. Palmer	J. H. Wagner, Sr.
T. Carcich	J. C. Kozel	F. L. Peterson	I. J. Woodman
E. E. Cossentine	C. H. Lauda	W. E. Phillips	
N. W. Dunn	L. E. Lenheim	D. R. Rees	
J. E. Edwards	A. P. McDow	E. E. Roenfelt	

## FINANCE

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

K. F. Ambs	C. G. Cross	* C. H. Kelly	F. W. Schnepfer
R. A. Anderson	W. A. Dessain	M. L. Mills	C. A. Scriven
V. G. Anderson	E. D. Dick	G. J. Millet	H. A. Shepard
R. C. Baker	L. K. Dickson	L. L. Moffitt	W. H. Shephard
H. W. Barrows	N. R. Dower	E. A. Moon	J. C. Shull
W. R. Beach	E. W. Dunbar	Philip Moores	L. E. Smart
E. L. Becker	N. W. Dunn	F. A. Mote	J. D. Smith
R. R. Bietz	M. K. Eckenroth	W. E. Murray	L. M. Stump
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F. Brennwald	W. W. Fordham	N. C. Petersen	H. C. Klement
N. F. Brewer	O. T. Garner	F. L. Peterson	F. B. Knight
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M. V. Campbell	L. F. Hardin	F. O. Rittenhouse	L. E. Lenheim
H. J. Capman	H. D. Henriksen	E. E. Roenfelt	N. W. Litchfield
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C. C. Cleveland	G. E. Hatches	H. L. Rudy	E. L. Longway
A. W. Cormack	G. E. Jones	B. L. Schlotthauer	T. E. Lucas
E. E. Cossentine	R. S. Joyce	H. E. Schneider	O. O. Mattison
			J. L. McElhany
			F. R. Millard

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## PLANS

V. G. Anderson, Chairman  
F. R. Millard, Secretary

R. H. Adair	W. A. Fagal	O. O. Mattison	J. I. Robison
G. O. Adams	A. C. Fearing	G. M. Mathews	E. E. Roenfelt
Wesley Amundsen	R. R. Figuhr	D. A. McAdams	H. L. Rudy
G. T. Anderson	T. R. Flaiz, M.D.	F. R. Millard	G. H. Rustad
R. A. Anderson	L. E. Froom	E. L. Minchin	C. Sandefur
W. R. Beach	T. R. Gardner	R. W. Moore	W. A. Scharffen- berg
W. J. Blacker	A. E. Gibbs	Philip Moores	
O. A. Blake	J. O. Gibson	C. E. Moseley, Jr.	B. L. Schlotthauer
J. W. Bothe	E. L. Green	W. E. Murray	H. H. Schmidt
C. W. Bozarth	C. E. Guenther	G. R. Nash	F. W. Schnepfer
W. P. Bradley	W. J. Hackett	J. R. Nelson	Walter Schubert
J. A. Buckwalter	Richard Hammill	W. A. Nelson	C. A. Scriven
C. M. Bunker	L. F. Hardin	R. H. Nightingale	J. V. Scully
D. Lois Burnett	E. B. Hare	F. D. Nichol	H. A. Shepard
M. V. Campbell	W. J. Harris	W. B. Ochs	W. H. Shephard
T. Carcich	W. A. Higgins	A. V. Olson	L. A. Skinner
J. E. Chase	G. A. Huse	E. R. Osmunson	Clark Smith
W. L. Cheatham	H. R. Jenkins	T. L. Oswald	J. D. Smith
C. G. Cleveland	K. D. Johnson	G. E. Palmer	Francis Soper
E. E. Cleveland	H. W. Kibble	E. W. Pedersen	L. M. Stump
E. E. Cossentine	H. W. Klaser	J. W. Poeke	Carl Sundin
G. G. Cross	Louise Kleuser	N. C. Petersen	M. C. Taft
E. D. Dick	F. B. Knight	G. E. Peters	E. W. Tarr
J. L. Dittberner	B. E. Leach	C. E. Randolph, M.D.	G. E. Taylor
E. W. Dunbar	L. E. Lenheim	L. R. Rasmussen	W. H. Toesdalc
N. W. Dunn	N. W. Litchfield	W. E. Read	T. E. Unruh
J. E. Edwards	C. S. Longacre	H. V. Reed	G. E. Vandeman
A. A. Esteb	E. L. Longway	D. R. Rees	E. R. Walde
H. T. Elliott	H. W. Lowe	H. E. Rice	H. B. Weeks
W. P. Elliott	T. E. Lucas	H. M. S. Richards	H. J. Welch
L. C. Evans	E. L. Marley	V. L. Roberts	F. W. Wernick
	A. L. White		
	R. A. Wilcox		
	Neal C. Wilson		

## NOMINATING

M. V. Campbell, Chairman  
E. W. Dunbar, Secretary

V. G. Anderson	W. B. Ochs
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W. A. Nelson	C. L. Torrey

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## AGENDA ITEMS:

Agenda items were assigned to various Committees.

## GREETINGS:

W. R. Beach, Secretary, presented greetings from G. J. Appel, in Beirut, Lebanon, to the Council. Greetings were also passed on from the Southern Asia Division, the Australasian Division, brethren in the South American Division, and also others who have written expressing good wishes to this Council.

VOTED, To acknowledge these greetings, and request the Secretary to reply sending greetings from the Council to the individuals and to the divisions.

## A. W. JOHNSON--SYMPATHY:

It was reported that A. W. Johnson, of Angwin, California, who was present in the Council a year ago, because of his serious health condition is unable to attend the 1958 Autumn Council, although a wonderful courage is manifest on his part. It was

VOTED, To send a word of greeting and sympathy to A. W. Johnson.

## F. H. YOST--GREETINGS TO:

Reference was made also to F. H. Yost, who has recently accepted a call to teaching work at La Sierra College, and is seriously ill. A letter from Mrs. Yost states he is still in a very serious condition, though in some respects there has been improvement.

VOTED, To send a word of greeting also to F. H. Yost.

## S. E. WIGHT--DEATH OF; CONDOLENCE TO RELATIVES:

Information has been received of the death of S. E. Wight, in Berrien Springs, Michigan, October 20, 1958. The record reveals that Brother Wight served in denominational work from 1895 to 1947. He served as a minister, as president of a number of local conferences, and also as president of two union conferences. His devotion and loyalty to the Lord and His work was well known.

VOTED, To send a message of condolence to the relatives of S. E. Wight.

## TREASURY REPORTS:

C. L. Torrey, the Treasurer, gave a comprehensive report of the economic situation here in North America, quoting quite extensively from sources close to business and bankers. There is a unanimous feeling on the part of business, bankers, and economists that 1959 will be a good year and about the same as 1957. They are also in agreement that the upturn will continue for some time; however, there have been words of caution on the part of these experts in finance that conditions could be easily changed by circumstances. In planning for the world budgets we must exercise faith in the financing of our world work and at the same time be very careful to take into consideration all the facts which we can glean as we plan for the future.

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Mention was made of the General Conference Authorized Working Capital. The Treasurer stated that the General Conference has no desire to pile up money here in the General Conference beyond its needs; rather it has been and is the plan to appropriate all funds available to the field at the time of the Autumn Council for our world work.

Disappointment has been experienced in the mission offerings for the first eight months of 1958. There has been a decline of \$35,000 in the miscellaneous mission offerings as compared with the same period of 1957. The Treasurer expressed the hope that each administrator would give special attention to the promotion of the offerings for the remainder of 1958, 1959, and onwards.

The amount of Ingathering receipts thus far in 1958 is \$4,787,922.08. This is the largest amount ever raised by our people and turned over to the Lord's treasury.

W. E. Phillips made a statement regarding the investments of the General Conference. Our funds are invested under the direction of the Securities Committee and in counsel with experienced investment brokers. These counselors with whom we deal have a particular interest in our work. One of them gave us a house which has an appraisal value of \$16,000, and also a cabin cruiser. The cruiser was sent to the Inter-American Division for mission work. The value of our securities, which are readily saleable on the open market, are very considerably in excess of the original cost.

Sheets containing an analysis of the Million Dollar Offering were distributed.

R. H. Adair reported concerning the Sustentation Fund. On October 1, 1958, the number of beneficiaries was 2,118. We are spending about 87 per cent of our income. We appreciate the co-operation of the brethren throughout the field in handling the Sustentation business.

The time had come for adjournment. Further time will be given to Treasury reports in the afternoon meeting.

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

Registration cards were distributed and filled in.

Announcements of Committees were made.

Adjourned at 12:35 P.M. until 4 P.M.

Prayer by H. T. Elliott.

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

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Balance Sheet  
June 30, 1958

ASSETS

Cash, Banks and Securities

Cash & Banks	4 768 161 14
Securities	<u>16 791 803 56</u>

Totals		21 559 964 70
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Accounts Receivable

Miscellaneous & Personal	221 426 67
Notes Receivable	112 000 00
Publishing Houses	234 705 37
Transportation Offices	<u>143 282 73</u>

Totals		711 414 77
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Inventories and Prepaid Items

Accrued Bond Interest, 1-1-58	63 836 84
Deposits for Airlines, Cables, Insurance, etc	3 132 86
Esda Sales & Service Stock	161 752 19
Journal of True Education	1 495 95
Office Inventory a/c	13 287 60
Truck Expense	542 32
Year Book	<u>2 164 37</u>

Totals		<u>246 212 13</u>
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Total Assets		<u><u>22 517 591 60</u></u>
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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Balance Sheet  
June 30, 1958

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable

Divisions	2 930 891 60	
Miscellaneous & Personal	322 121 02	
	<u>322 121 02</u>	
Totals		3 253 012 62

Trust Funds

Disaster & Famine Relief	343 432 18	
Miscellaneous	1 743 174 57	
Sustentation	5 348 346 12	
	<u>5 348 346 12</u>	
Totals		7 434 952 87

Deferred Items

Church Road Signs	1 528 27	
Unexpired Subscriptions - Ministry & Jr True Ed.	5 131 27	
	<u>5 131 27</u>	
Totals		<u>6 659 54</u>

Total Liabilities

10 694 625 03

NET WORTH

Regular

Regular Operating Balance 1-1-58	7 299 761 25	
Less: Adjustments for Previous years	1 959 07	
	<u>1 959 07</u>	
Add: Net Gain for Six Months	7 297 802 18	
	<u>1 129 471 14</u>	
Total Regular Operating Capital 6-30-58		<u>8 427 273 32</u>

Reserves

Total Reserves	3 395 693 25	
	<u>3 395 693 25</u>	

Total Net Worth

11 822 966 57

Total Liabilities and Net Worth

22 517 591 60

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Total Cash, Banks and Securities (see page 1)	21 559 964 70
To cover the following Items:	
1. Reserve Funds (see page 6)	3 395 693 25
2. Trust Funds (see page 2)	
Disaster & Famine Relief	343 432 18
Miscellaneous Funds	1 743 174 57
Sustentation	<u>5 348 346 12</u>
	7 434 952 87
3. Total Accounts Payable	3 253 012 62
Add: Deferred Items	6 659 54
	<u>3 259 672 16</u>
Less: Accounts Receivable, Inventories & Prepaids	<u>957 626 90</u>
Liabilities Otherwise unprovided for	<u>2 302 045 26</u>
Total Amount of Accounts to be covered	<u>13 132 691 38</u>
4. Authorized Working Capital (see below)	6 538 542 54
Add: Excess of Actual over Authorized	<u>1 888 730 78</u>
Balance of Cash & Securities Available for Working Capital	<u>8 427 273 32</u>

COMPARISON OF AUTHORIZED AND ACTUAL CAPITAL

Actual Operating Capital	
Total Current Assets	22 517 591 60
Less: Total Liabilities	10 694 625 03
Total Reserves	<u>3 395 693 25</u>
Actual Working Capital, June 30, 1958	<u>8 427 273 32</u>
Authorized Working Capital and Fixed Reserve	
Operating Capital = 12% of 1957 Appropriations and Operating Expenses amounting to \$20 432 945 45; 12% =	2 451 953 45
Fixed Reserve = 20% of \$20 432 945 45	<u>4 086 589 09</u>
Total Authorized Capital and Reserve	<u>6 538 542 54</u>
Actual Operating Capital Exceeds Authorized Capital by	<u>1 888 730 78</u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Operating Statement  
For Six Months Ending June 30, 1958

	<u>INCOME</u>		<u>Increase Decrease*</u>
	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	
Tithes			
North America			
Unions, 1% of Tithes	172 035 67	180 923 98	8 888 31
Local Conferences, Regular %	3 396 554 25	3 572 361 03	175 806 78
Special Percent of Tithes	1 596 789 95	1 830 896 89	234 106 94
Miscellaneous	<u>14 942 15</u>	<u>11 759 23</u>	<u>3 182 92*</u>
	5 180 322 02	5 595 941 13	415 619 11
Overseas			
Regular 1% of Tithes	<u>59 446 46</u>	<u>65 090 19</u>	<u>5 643 73</u>
Total Tithes	5 239 768 48	5 661 031 32	421 262 84
Mission Offerings			
North America			
Dollar-A-Week Funds	7 265 916 70	7 358 834 57	92 917 87
Miscellaneous	<u>4 673 39</u>	<u>3 858 85</u>	<u>814 54*</u>
	7 270 590 09	7 362 693 42	92 103 33
Overseas			
Non-Revertibles	<u>922 038 56</u>	<u>973 731 93</u>	<u>51 693 37</u>
Total Mission Offerings	8 192 628 65	8 336 425 35	143 796 70
Miscellaneous Funds			
North America			
Legacies & Matured Annuities	24 995 10	21 077 57	3 917 53*
Royalties	1 167 30	728 63	438 67*
Securities Income	167 926 16	174 927 19	7 001 03
Specific Donations for Missions	21 215 81	13 337 92	7 877 89*
Sundry Income	<u>7 897 47</u>	<u>6 582 75</u>	<u>1 314 72*</u>
	223 201 84	216 654 06	6 547 78*
Overseas			
Ingathering & Big Week Revert.	<u>783 078 87</u>	<u>813 219 62</u>	<u>30 140 75</u>
Total Miscellaneous Funds	1 006 280 71	1 029 873 68	23 592 97
Total Income	<u>14 438 677 84</u>	<u>15 027 330 35</u>	<u>588 652 51</u>
Less: Total Expenses	<u>13 059 348 35</u>	<u>13 897 859 21</u>	<u>838 510 86</u>
Net Gain for Six Months	<u>1 379 329 49</u>	<u>1 129 471 14</u>	<u>249 858 35*</u>

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For Six Months Ending June 30, 1958

	<u>EXPENSES</u>		Increase Decrease*
	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	
<u>Administration</u>			
Salary & Expenses of Departments	543 625 79	586 900 58	43 274 79
Transportation Offices	25 387 76	29 225 61	3 837 85
General Operating	<u>78 073 57</u>	<u>78 478 90</u>	<u>405 33</u>
Totals	647 087 12	694 605 09	47 517 97
 <u>Appropriations</u>			
North America			
Regular	982 060 56	1 149 078 53	167 017 97
Miscellaneous & Fixed Items	461 815 70	338 470 27	123 345 43*
Ingathering Overflow	2 285 295 66	2 373 023 35	87 727 69
Comeback Funds (18.4%)	627 493 66	617 483 33	10 010 33*
No Amer Missions Revertibles	46 799 25	48 011 42	1 212 17
Non-Tithe Funds Exchanged	<u>1 596 789 95</u>	<u>1 830 896 89</u>	<u>234 106 94</u>
Totals	6 000 254 78	6 356 963 79	356 709 01
 Overseas			
Regular	5 102 945 04	5 333 353 97	230 408 93
Miscellaneous & Fixed Items	283 967 07	349 379 71	65 412 64
Ingathering & Big Week Revert.	783 078 87	813 219 62	30 140 75
Special Reversions - Cent Eur.	119 739 73	155 319 71	35 579 98
Specific Mission Donations Pd	21 215 81	13 337 92	7 877 89*
Spring in Tithes & Offerings	<u>85 845 71</u>	<u>176 749 58</u>	<u>90 903 87</u>
Totals	6 396 792 23	6 841 360 51	444 568 28
 Miscellaneous			
Field Counsellors	11 470 88	-	11 470 88*
Harris Pine Mills Manager	2 439 59	2 713 29	273 70
Madison Advisor	-	1 008 43	1 008 43
Oakwood Financial Advisor	<u>1 303 75</u>	<u>1 208 10</u>	<u>95 65*</u>
Totals	15 214 22	4 929 82	10 284 40*
Total Expenses	<u><u>13 059 348 35</u></u>	<u><u>13 897 859 21</u></u>	<u><u>838 510 86</u></u>

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RESERVE FUNDS

Entertainment, Servicemen Overseas	11 681 48
Esda Sales & Service Surplus	12 373 39
Films - Departmental & "It Is Written"	63 245 87
Foreign Exchange	346 744 44
Geology & Paleontology Research	12 693 76
Jewish Work Surplus	14 431 18
Latin American Radio Production	10 296 91
Medical Missions Residencies	25 174 93
Ministerial Internships, Seminary	19 996 89
Missionary Orientation Program	66 000 00
North American Division Evangelism Fund	75 000 00
Reconstruction Base, Orient	(overdrawn)* (109 165 39)*
Rehabilitation Funds:	
General Funds Unassigned	106 337 24
Publishing Houses Improvements	1 250 97
Securities Fluctuation	1 232 470 72
Seminary Student Travel Subsidy	15 837 32
Special Appropriations Unpaid in 1958	98 200 00
Spirit of Prophecy Basic Library - General Fund	15 794 70
- Assigned to Divisions	21 060 00
Textbooks	73 621 52
University Building	1 216 370 28
Various & Sundry	55 568 84
White Index	10 708 20
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Totals	<u>3 395 693 25</u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
 Forty-, Fifty-, Sixty-, Seventy-, Eighty-Cents and Dollar-A-Week Funds  
 Raised from 1934 - 1957, less Reverted Funds  
 North American Division Only

Year	Alaska etc Reversions		Funds Raised For Missions	Basis of Membership	Cents per Week per Member	Comeback Funds 18.4%	Ingathering & Big Week Overflows
	Memo	Only					
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	36 251 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
1957	53	950 61	10 806 730 38	295 890	.702	1 264 714 89	2 324 955 74
	231	968 67	40 445 627 38			4 827 932 99	8 378 576 60

Quadrennial Period	Total Mission Funds	Less Comeback and Overflows	Net Available For Missions	Percent Net For Missions
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 - 1957	40 445 627 38	13 206 509 59	27 239 117 79	67.35
Totals for 24 years	140 322 237 40	40 078 180 01	100 244 057 39	71.44
Average per year	5 846 759 89	1 669 924 17	4 176 835 72	
Average Percent for 24 years	100.00	28.56	71.44	

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

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<u>Unions</u>	<u>1933 Net</u>	<u>1945 Net</u>	<u>1956 Net</u>	<u>1957 Net</u>
Atlantic	64 660 40	96 056 19	188 353 27	202 285 18
Canadian	28 250 26	60 086 52	107 387 44	113 596 98
Central	41 304 45	68 416 04	142 397 55	144 373 43
Columbia	78 379 26	174 220 14	334 814 94	355 865 23
Lake	37 015 22	123 598 87	271 548 14	288 771 86
Northern	-	49 270 60	83 042 66	84 051 08
North Pacific	32 107 02	115 732 10	153 165 48	157 110 65
Pacific	96 991 28	279 813 02	331 064 18	336 363 67
Southern	32 546 61	111 433 55	286 667 61	323 761 75
Southwestern	18 089 43	54 234 10	168 567 96	161 448 20
Net Ingathering Available to Missions	<u>429 343 93</u>	<u>1 132 861 13</u>	<u>2 067 009 23</u>	<u>2 167 628 03</u>
Increase Over Previous Year	-	108 795 68	103 693 15	100 618 80
Total Ingathering Raised	511 123 73	1 976 226 49	4 434 142 46	4 679 930 06
Less: Net Ingathering Available to Missions	<u>429 343 93</u>	<u>1 132 861 13</u>	<u>2 067 009 23</u>	<u>2 167 628 03</u>
Reverted to Unions (Includes 18.4% Comeback)	81 779 80	843 365 36	2 367 133 23	2 512 302 03
Percentage of Ingathering Reverted to Unions	16.0	42.7	53.0	53.7

Ingathering by Divisions  
Years 1929, 1932 and 1957

<u>Division</u>	<u>1929</u>	<u>Depression Low 1932</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>Total Receipts 1908 - 1957</u>
Australasia	78 100 15	63 793 55	301 940 84	4 385 322 46
Central Europe	87 031 61	85 556 95	46 620 10	1 157 866 36
*China 1931-1954	-	17 889 45	-	1 388 910 43
Far East	57 024 93	17 154 08	195 868 98	2 152 681 44
Inter-America	29 851 69	19 540 39	220 413 74	2 793 672 78
Middle East 1946 -	-	-	7 588 82	62 872 57
North America	851 416 55	528 710 69	4 679 930 06	63 682 960 55
Northern Europe	92 489 65	73 164 31	371 816 28	5 809 582 48
South America	34 168 76	27 775 75	200 278 50	2 978 685 90
Southern Africa	27 186 15	24 086 53	251 668 96	3 647 211 46
Southern Asia	5 246 05	8 825 71	76 542 09	927 512 77
Southern Europe	42 323 29	46 512 06	171 103 20	1 769 328 19
Europe to 1928	-	-	-	1 014 473 35
Totals	<u>1 304 838 83</u>	<u>913 009 47</u>	<u>6 523 771 57</u>	<u>91 771 080 74</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 to 1957  
(North America Only)

1899	.154	1929	.646
1900	.302	1930	.676
1901	.334	1931	.679
1902	.283	1932	.672
1903	.241	1933	.623
1904	.245	1934	.588
1905	.225	1935	.561
1906	.213	1936	.532
1907	.279	1937	.514
1908	.316	1938	.502
1909	.358	1939	.494
1910	.384	1940	.499
1911	.358	1941	.468
1912	.409	1942	.412
1913	.416	1943	.405
1914	.485	1944	.401
1915	.528	1945	.398
1916	.477	1946	.407
1917	.468	1947	.381
1918	.620	1948	.362
1919	.480	1949	.369
1920	.590	1950	.357
1921	.663	1951	.333
1922	.670	1952	.326
1923	.635	1953	.322
1924	.625	1954	.325
1925	.622	1955	.310
1926	.673	1956	.311
1927	.650	1957	.2975
1928	.662		

1957 Total Tithes

36 349 349 40

1957 Total Mission Offerings

10 814 353 57

If we had given in Offerings, on the same relationship of Offerings to Tithes, as we did in 1931, in 1957 we could have had \$24 681 208 24; or \$13 866 854 67 more for Missions than we did have.



## Twentieth Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 21, 1958, 4:00 P.M.

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The second meeting of the Autumn Council convened at 4:00 P.M., with prayer by C. J. Nagele.

## ADDITIONAL PRESENT:

G. T. Anderson, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., L. S. Follette, B. E. Leach, E. L. Longway, E. L. Marley, R. W. Moore, D. R. Rees, H. H. Schmidt, R. A. Smithwick, J. H. Wagner, Sr., Howard J. Welch

## ADDITIONAL OTHERS PRESENT:

Herbert Ford, Petra Sukau

## TREASURY REPORTS, CONTINUED:

O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer, presented the Financial Statement as of June 30, 1958, and a summary of the Budget requests. The total request presented to the Autumn Council amounted to \$25,176,141.40. This includes all classes of requests, such as base appropriations, increased operating expenses, request for new workers, equipment, <sup>and</sup> buildings. The funds available for base appropriations for 1959 amount to \$16,240,435.64, which is \$551,982.02 more than the base appropriation for 1958.

## HARRIS PINE MILLS REPORT:

C. J. Nagele, General Manager, brought greetings from the Harris Pine Mills family, eighty-five per cent of whom are Seventh-day Adventists. He gave much credit to the workers for the success of the business in all its ramifications, and they expect 1958 to equal or exceed all former years.

C. H. Harris, Vice-President of Harris Pine Mills, just returned from a European tour, brought greetings from our believers in Moscow. He reported worshiping one Sabbath with this large church, which includes many young people. He found them very zealous in their works for God, true, faithful, courageous, and doing the best they can.

Regarding Harris Pine Mills he reported a better organization than ever before to meet competition, sales climbing, and all plants inundated with more orders than they can fill. The Lord has blessed their business abundantly. Through a chain of circumstances more timber is now available than they can use. He spoke in appreciation of their manager, and the cooperation from the General Conference. It is especially encouraging to know that they are furnishing considerable work to three of our schools now.

## ADDITIONAL AUDITOR:

After trying to carry on with three auditors for some time, because of the heavy work involved, it is felt that an additional auditor is needed, so

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that the General Conference may render the service to the denomination which will be most helpful.

VOTED, That a fourth auditor be added to the force in the General Conference, and that he be located on the West Coast.

CHRISTIAN RECORD BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION:

C. G. Cross, Manager of the Christian Record Benevolent Association, Incorporated, reported that the Sixtieth Anniversary of this Association will be celebrated in 1959. They are laying careful plans for publicizing their work at that time. Over 20,000,000 pages of Braille literature carrying the Seventh-day Adventist message has gone to the blind during the last two years; and 70,000 long-playing records carrying Bible instruction. Their wide range of literature includes: The Children's Friend, The Youth (magazine for ages 12 to 19), The Student (Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly), Christian Record (of a general religious nature), Life and Health, and These Times, plus miscellaneous items.

The Christian Record plant is in good condition, but plans for an increase in output in the next few years will necessitate an improvement. The end result--baptisms--is seen in overseas countries as well as North America, where reading and listening rooms for the blind are in constant use. Sightlessness is growing at an alarming rate, and to meet the challenge the Christian Record finds their greatest needs are: 1. To acquaint our own people with the denominational work in behalf of the blind; 2. To get the attention of the ministry and show them how they can use this agency in their evangelistic work; 3. More district representatives. 4. An arrangement whereby the denomination pays for what local and state licensing bureaus call sectarian literature.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH ARCHITECTURE  
TO PLANS COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the report of the Committee on Church Architecture be referred to the Plans Committee.

Recommendations from the Policy Committee were adopted as follows:

WORKING POLICY SECTION ENTITLED "CHURCH MANUAL":

We recommend, That the following paragraph adapted from the Autumn Council action of 1948, General Conference minutes, page 1187, be inserted in the Working Policy on page 52, as a second paragraph under the heading Church Manual:

"The Church Manual is the manual for the world field, and divisions should take in hand the matter of making it available in the languages of their respective areas. Each division, including the North American Division of the world field should prepare a 'Supplement' to the Church Manual, not in any way modifying it, but containing such additional matter \*s is applicable to the conditions and circumstances prevailing in the division; the manuscripts of these 'Supplements' to be submitted to the General Conference Committee for endorsement before being printed.

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## SUSTENTATION RESPONSIBILITY:

We recommend, 1. That we reaffirm our present policy which provides that division fields which permit overseas fields to call workers from their territories shall assume the responsibility for sustentation assistance when such workers are placed on the fund; this is in harmony with other provisions of General Conference policy. (This does not include workers who go to another field on their own responsibility.)

2. That when a division from which workers have been called to other fields has drawn from its tithe funds, as a contribution to the Sustentation Fund, amounts considered to be an unduly high proportion of its tithe resources, the division, in consultation with the General Conference, may give consideration to the need of supplementing its Sustentation Fund from regular appropriations.

3. That a survey be conducted in divisions from which workers are sent or called to mission fields to ascertain the sustentation responsibility resulting from these appointments and calls.

## AUTOMOBILE DEPRECIATION--MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH:

We recommend, That the policy entitled, "Car Depreciation--Missionaries on Furlough," which appears on page 217 of the Working Policy, be amended to read as follows:

A missionary family or single worker who purchases a car when on furlough in the North American Division is granted an automobile depreciation for each month during which he actually drives the car, the amount to be stipulated from time to time by action of the General Conference Committee, and to be made available to him in national currency upon his return to the field. Other divisions may adopt a car depreciation policy for missionaries on furlough in their territories.

## CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES:

We recommend, 1. The deletion of paragraph 6 of the policy on Credentials and Licenses (Working Policy, page 67) dealing with the Elementary School Teacher Credentials, and the renumbering of the succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

2. The amendment of paragraph 2 so that it will read as follows:

"Missionary Credentials, granted to workers of experience including elementary and secondary teachers who are not ordained, or who are carrying major responsibilities."

WORKING CONDITIONS OF ELEMENTARY AND INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOL TEACHERS:

We recommend, That the last two sentences of paragraph 2 of the policy appearing on page 91 of the Working Policy, and entitled "Working Conditions of Elementary and Intermediate School Teachers," be deleted. These sentences read: "It is recommended that at the beginning of this internship period the teacher be granted a missionary license. At the conclusion of at least four

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years of satisfactory service the teacher shall be eligible for a missionary credential."

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE AT LOCAL AND UNION  
CONFERENCE SESSIONS:

We recommend, 1. That paragraph 3 of the section entitled "Constitution and Organization of Union and Local Conference Session Committees," appearing on pages 30 and 31 of the Working Policy, be amended to read as follows:

"3. The president of the division or one of the division officers shall be the chairman of the nominating committee at the union conference session; and further, the nominating committee shall consist of from fifteen to twenty-one members." And

2. That paragraph 5 be amended to read:

"5. The chairman of the nominating committee at the local conference session shall be the president of the union or, in his absence, one designated by him shall be named to serve as chairman; and, further, the nominating committee shall consist of from nine to fifteen members."

METHOD OF VOTING IN LOCAL AND UNION MISSION SESSIONS

We recommend, That the following paragraph regarding the method of voting at sessions, which appears in the conference constitution (Working Policy, page 44), be inserted in the operating policy of local and union missions:

"The election of officers, and the voting on all other matters of business shall be by viva-voce vote unless otherwise demanded by a majority of the delegates present."

FURLOUGHS IN CASES IN WHICH PARENTS AND CHILDREN  
SERVE IN DIFFERENT DIVISIONS:

We recommend, That when parents and their children are serving in different overseas divisions, the following procedure govern the taking of their furloughs:

1. If the respective furloughs of parents and their children come due not more than one year apart, the divisions concerned shall postpone the furlough of one party and step up the furlough of the other so that the furlough dates may coincide, thus making it possible for them to take their furloughs together in the homeland.

2. If the furloughs of parents and their children fall due more than one year apart, arrangements may be made for the families to visit one another in the mission field, at the time of the furlough of one family or the other, with the understanding that if extra travel expense is involved, this privilege shall not be granted more often than once in five years. It is further understood that the extra travel expense shall be shared equally by the two divisions, and that the families will meet in the division where the extra travel expense will be least.

3. In all such visits between parents and children in the mission field, the approval of the General Conference Committee shall be obtained before such visits and travel are authorized.

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## AUTOMOBILE DEPRECIATION--MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That the current rate of automobile depreciation for missionaries furloughing in the North American Division be \$35.00 per month.

Announcements of Committees were given.

Closing prayer: Philip Moores.

Adjournment at 5:30 P.M.

R. R. Figuhr, Chairman  
W. R. Beach, Secretary  
Marjorie Marsh,  
Assistant Recording Secretary

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Devotional Meeting: At the devotional meeting held at 9:00 A.M., on Wednesday, October 22, 1958, W. E. Murray was the speaker. He used as his text the instruction given in Titus 2:10, "That they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things." He spoke of five ways in which we may adorn the doctrine, as revealed in the preceding verses of the same chapter. He gave for illustrations a quotation from a letter written by the wife of a missionary in South America, and incidents in the lives of Mrs. Robert Moffat, John Wesley, and Phillips Brooks.

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Twenty-First Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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The third meeting of the Autumn Council was called at 10:15 A.M.

R. A. Smithwick, president of the British Columbia Conference, offered prayer.

H. L. Rudy, as Chairman, said that meetings of the International Insurance Company, the International Religious Liberty Association, and the International Temperance Association and American Temperance Society are to be called during this morning's session.

ASSOCIATE REGIONAL SECRETARY:

An Associate Regional Secretary was not elected at the time of the 1958 General Conference session.

VOTED, That this item be listed for consideration, and referred to the Nominating Committee.

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## POTOMAC UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SCHOOL--WEST COAST:

VOTED, To approve the request of the North American Union Education secretaries for the Potomac University to conduct an extension school of two weeks' duration on the West Coast, in December, 1958, for the benefit of all educational supervisors, superintendents, and secretaries in the West.

## INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY--MEETING:

H. L. Rudy called to order a meeting of the International Insurance Company.

J. W. Peeke as Secretary and Manager referred to the notice which appeared in the October 2 and 9, 1958 issues of the Review and Herald, calling the 23rd annual meeting of the International Insurance Company at 10:15 A.M., October 22, 1958.

He stated that the term of office for several of their Board of Directors expires this year. Those officers whose term expire are: C. H. Kelly, H. S. Nelson, and W. E. Phillips.

VOTED, To refer to the Nominating Committee of the Autumn Council the filling of the vacancies on the Board of Directors.

He stated that on August 20, 1958 their Board of Directors accepted the resignation of H. T. Elliott and elected W. P. Bradley to fill the vacancy on the Board. The term for W. P. Bradley will expire in 1960.

In his report, J. W. Peeke spoke of the Western Branch of the General Conference Insurance Service, located in La Sierra, California, which commenced operations as of April 1, 1958. Mr. Stanton Parker, who operates the West Coast Agency, has been very helpful in working out various planned programs of insurance for the conferences in the Pacific Union. Another development in the past year includes the publication of a new bulletin entitled Insurance Highlights. Copies of Bulletin 5 had been distributed. One of the most significant improvements of the department since the last annual meeting is the establishment of a Technical Department. Mr. Richard Hill is our technical representative, and will offer very beneficial services to the field in the way of property appraisal and inspections relating to accident and fire prevention.

Mr. Peeke called attention to the need for academy and college board chairmen to give serious study to fire and accident prevention in our educational institutions, pointing out that for a three-year period from 1955 to 1957, the academy and college losses accounted for over 72 per cent of the company losses for this period. He stated that the total fire losses for the country for 1957 reached a grand total of \$1,275,000,000. The fire losses in this country for the first eight months of 1958 exceed the fire losses for the first eight months of 1957.

He spoke of the arrangements worked out by Mr. Harry House, Jr., for a Master Church Burglary, Theft, and Larceny Policy. This will cover not only church funds, but also church property.

Further information was given regarding the need of safety in automobile driving. He suggested discussion of automobile safety in workers' meetings, and read a number of rules for safe driving.

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He referred to the thirty-page mimeographed report of statistics distributed. The total premiums written are \$696,960 this year compared to \$613,452 last year. The consolidated profits this year to date are \$235,629 compared to \$117,128 last year. The net worth to date this year is \$2,296,131 compared to \$1,995,773 last year at this time. The greatest pleasure of the Insurance Company is to present increased service to the field in assisting in the interest of adequate Seventh-day Adventist denominational property protection.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

A recommendation from the Nominating Committee was presented and adopted as follows:

We recommend, That the following individuals be nominated as members of the Board of Directors of the General Conference Insurance Service and International Insurance Company of Takoma Park, Maryland: C. H. Kelly, E. L. Becker, and W. E. Phillips. (C. H. Kelly and W. E. Phillips are renominated.)

Adjournment of the International Insurance Company was taken at 11:00 A.M.

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#### INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION:

H. L. Rudy called a meeting of the International Religious Liberty Association. He introduced J. A. Buckwalter, the Secretary of the Religious Liberty Department, who had items of business to present to the Council.

J. A. Buckwalter said there have been a number of changes in the Board of Trustees for the International Religious Liberty Association. L. K. Dickson, President; A. V. Olson, Vice-President; Dr. A. W. Johnson, Secretary; Dr. A. H. Rulkoetter, Associate Secretary; and Dr. F. H. Yost, Associate Secretary, have tendered their resignation as holding these positions. With appreciation for the excellent leadership and work they have done in the Association and building up of the program of Religious Liberty, it was

VOTED, To accept the resignation of the above-named members of the Board of Trustees of the International Religious Liberty Association.

Further VOTED, To request the Nominating Committee for this Council to bring in names for the personnel of this Board of Trustees.

Changes in personnel throughout the field require the addition of a number of names to the voting constituency of the International Religious Liberty Association. These names include division, union, and local presidents, and also some other members who are engaged in Religious Liberty activities in various parts of the world field.

VOTED, That the Nominating Committee be requested also to bring in suggestive names for this list of voting constituency of the International Religious Liberty Association.

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

The Nominating Committee presented nominations for the Board of Trustees for the International Religious Liberty Association, which were adopted as follows:

President: H. L. Rudy  
 Vice-President: M. V. Campbell  
 Secretary: J. A. Buckwalter  
 Associate Secretaries: Two to be appointed  
 Other Members: W. R. Beach, O. A. Blake, G. A. Huse, G. E. Hutches, W. E. Murray, W. B. Ochs, C. E. Palmer, W. A. Scharffenberg, C. L. Torrey, and Columbia Union Conference Religious Liberty Secretary.

## LEGAL VOTING CONSTITUENCY:

The Nominating Committee submitted the names to be added to the list of voting constituency of the International Religious Liberty Association, which were adopted as follows:

C. N. Abraham, W. M. Adams, J. J. Aitken, R. C. Baker, F. L. Bland, J. M. Bucy, Cecil Coffey, N. R. Dower, L. E. Esteb, R. E. Finney, Jr., C. O. Franz, M. Fridlin, F. E. Froom, W. J. Hackett, D. W. Hunter, A. H. Johns, H. W. Kibble, H. C. Klement, E. L. Marley, L. C. Naden, C. E. Palmer, A. J. Patzer, A. K. Phillips, M. H. Reeder, D. R. Rees, H. H. Schmidt, F. W. Schnepfer, H. B. Weeks, N. C. Wilson.

## REPORT:

Since a full report was given at the time of the 1958 General Conference session, J. A. Buckwalter rendered only a brief report concerning the work of the Religious Liberty Department. He expressed appreciation for the good work being done by the representatives who have been carrying the burden in the field. He spoke of the increased tempo of Sunday legislation in certain areas. When it comes to influencing men in the federal government it is the local men out in the area from whence the senator or congressman comes who has prestige. It is essential that men in these local conferences know these men personally. In closing, he referred to three quotations in the Testimonies, in Volume 6, page 402, Volume 5, page 713, and Volume 5, page 716, which emphasize the importance of holding before the world the great banner of religious liberty and freedom. We have a tremendous responsibility if we are to mold public opinion to the extent that we awake the world to a sense of the values of religious freedom.

The meeting of the International Religious Liberty Association was adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

## INTERNATIONAL TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION:

H. L. Rudy called a meeting of the International Temperance Association. He suggested that the reports given at the time of the General Conference be studied once again, carefully. This will give an appreciation of the expansion of this department of the Lord's work.



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W. H. Beaven, in the absence of W. A. Scharffenberg, who is in Australia at the present time, gave a report on the advance of the temperance work in a number of the divisions of the world field. He referred to the wide circulation being given to the temperance literature in the Inter-American Division. In addition there are a great many radio temperance broadcasts, forty separate ones on the air, in that division. He spoke of the remarkable work done in Northern Europe, and of the Institute of Scientific Studies for Prevention of Alcoholism held this summer in Geneva, and the plan that one be held in Vienna this coming year, to be sponsored by the Austrian Government. The magazine Think is the outstanding temperance journal in South Africa. Considerable publicity is being given to the temperance cause in Australia. The film "One in 20,000" is receiving wide publicity.

A Financial Statement for the International Temperance Association was presented by J. O. Gibson, and the Secretary for the day, W. P. Bradley, read the Auditor's Statement certifying to its accuracy.

VOTED, To accept the Financial Statement of the International Temperance Association for the year ending December 31, 1957.

A short report was given by J. V. Scully concerning the extension of the temperance work overseas. Our aim is to inform our youth. Progress is being made. The door is wide open for us to carry on this work in West Africa. Our hearts thrill at the openings for the temperance work.

H. L. Rudy requested J. O. Gibson to present the Financial Statement of the American Temperance Society for the year ending December 31, 1957. This showed a drop in offerings of nearly \$5,000 over that of the previous year. W. P. Bradley read the Auditor's Statement certifying to the accuracy of this Statement. H. L. Rudy suggested that a special effort be made to bring up the amount of the offerings to the American Temperance Society.

VOTED, To accept the Financial Statement of the American Temperance Association for the year ending December 31, 1957.

A further report was given by J. V. Scully, especially concerning the work being done among the young people in our colleges and academies in this country. The need for temperance education is apparent as one visits these institutions. He read samples of the six hundred questions which are asked by young people in our schools.

J. O. Gibson spoke of the tremendous challenge and unlimited opportunities for education in temperance and against the use of narcotics in the field. He asked the co-operation of the presidents in the promotion of the use of the films prepared, and in the circulation and distribution of the temperance material.

W. H. Beaven referred especially to the Institutes of Scientific Studies for Prevention of Alcoholism which have been held in Washington, D.C., and Loma Linda, California, in recent years. These have been attended by a number of ministers from other denominations. He suggested that more of our own ministers be appointed to attend, and that we assist also in sending non-Seventh-day Adventists to these Institutes. He spoke also of the new film "Cancer by the Carton" and his conviction that this would reach a class of people who are scientifically minded. It is not meant to replace the former film "One in 20,000," but to reach a new audience.

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R. R. Figuhr spoke concerning the two films produced by the Temperance office and said these films deserve a wide use. The temperance literature deserves the widest circulation. It would be a great help to our men in their evangelistic and pastoral work to attend the schools on antialcoholism. This would place these men in a position to promote the temperance work in their localities.

Adjournment of the International Temperance Association and American Temperance Society meetings was taken at 12:20 P.M.

Announcements of Committees called were made.

The Council adjourned at 12:30 P.M., to convene at 4:00 P.M.

The closing prayer was by A. J. Patzer, president of the West Virginia Conference.

H. L. Rudy, Chairman  
W. P. Bradley, Secretary  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

#### Twenty-Second Meeting

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 22, 1958, 4:00 P.M.

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The fourth business meeting of the Autumn Council was called at 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 22.

Prayer was offered by E. E. Cleveland.

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R. S. Watts introduced the Assistant Director of the Office of Civil Defense Mobilization, Mr. Lewis E. Berry. Mr. Berry spoke on the part that religious leaders can plan in the national defense of our country. He pointed out that all the clergy present have a fundamental and inescapable responsibility for the civil defense of the nation. All Americans are charged with the task, that Americans may survive. The swift strides of science have created weapons of destruction so that just one of today's weapons can deliver as much weight of destruction as all the bombs of all the Allies of World War II. Total offense is possible and can be countered only by total defense if we are to survive. There are just two elements in total defense--military and civil. The military is strong and retaliatory. But we must have a civil defense to support and complement. The two basic elements in civil defense--people and government--must prepare simultaneously.

One of the greatest problems lies not only in getting complete understanding by people threatened, but to get them to prepare. Printed material is available through the local and state Civil Defense offices for study by clergymen and laymen, and when facts are known, people are more zealous in learning how to combat them. Radio-active fallout constitutes the largest

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problem. So on the home level, they urge first aid and home emergency, and survival plans for the particular area. In a post attack, the clergyman can assist the Civil Defense officers if he knows their plan of organization, can boost morale, and be a source of information and inspiration. He closed with the thought, "Preparing a total defense for this country is not an impossible task, but a difficult one. It must be and will be completed if you and I co-operate."

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REQUESTS FOR GENERAL AND DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS IN 1959:

VOTED, That we proceed as in the past and set up a Committee to give consideration to the requests for General and Departmental Meetings in 1959. Committee appointed by the Officers and Presidents: V. G. Anderson, Chairman; H. L. Rudy, W. P. Bradley, L. E. Lenheim, C. M. Bunker, L. C. Evans, R. R. Bietz, W. W. Fordham, J. D. Smith, O. A. Blake.

Announcements were made.

Closing prayer by E. E. Roenfelt.

Adjourned at 4:40 P.M., until 10:15 A.M., October 23.

H. L. Rudy, Chairman  
 W. P. Bradley, Secretary  
 Marjorie Marsh,  
 Assistant Recording Secretary

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Devotional Meeting: V. G. Anderson was the speaker in the Devotional Meeting held at 9:00 A.M., Thursday, October 23. He spoke on the topic of "Our God is Able," and read from Daniel 3: 17 and 25, and Romans 4: 21. Some of the statements given in proof of the topic were as follows: God can make an oil well in a widow's kitchen. God can make a superhighway across a river or a sea. God can change a heart of stone into a heart of flesh. God can finish the work and cut it short. God can provide money from unseen places as from the mouth of a fish. God can destroy an army of 185,000 soldiers in one night. God can convert 3,000 people in one day. He gave various texts, quotations, and illustrations encouraging faith, confidence, and courage. Isa. 40: 9, 10 was read to close.

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## Twenty-Third Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 23, 1958, 10:15 A.M.

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The fifth meeting of the Autumn Council was called at 10:15 A.M.

The meeting opened with prayer by C. A. Scriven.

This is the day on which the General Conference Committee usually meets. M. V. Campbell as Chairman announced there would be one routine item brought to the Council for action.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To authorize appointments and itineraries as follows:

D. Lois Burnett--Fletcher, North Carolina, visit Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital, October 31 to November 2 (en route to Medical Advisory Council); Southern Union, visit medical institutions and Schools of Nursing in connection with above itinerary;

A. C. Fearing--Union College, speaking appointments, November 19-21; Nebraska Conference (Lincoln), Lay Preachers' Institute, November 21-23;

H. Ford--Oshawa and Toronto, Union Public Relations Department Council; Public Relations contacts in Toronto, Branson Hospital, and at College, November 3-5;

J. O. Gibson--Battle Creek, Michigan, ASI Convention, November 3-5; Chicago, Evanston, Illinois, Temperance business, November 6, 7;

W. J. Harris--Michigan, promote Sabbath School work and attend ASI Convention, October 30 to November 5;

W. A. Higgins--South Lancaster, Mass., Annual Publishing Leaders' Council, November 9-12;

T. E. Lucas--Miami, Southern Union MV Secretaries' Council, November 2, 3; General Conference Department of Education Advisory Committee, November 10-12 (Miami) (in connection with General Conference MV Advisory Committee, November 4-9);

D. A. McAdams--Portland, Oregon, Union Publishing Council, November 17-19 (from Pacific Union);

Louise Meyer--Michigan Conference, Sabbath School promotion, November 7-22;

E. E. Roenfelt--Oshawa, Canadian Union Annual Committee and Board Meetings, November 2-10;

E. R. Walde--Beckley, West Virginia, District Youth Rally, November 8;

H. B. Weeks--New York City, attend National Conference of the Public Relations Society of America, contact national magazines, week-end appointments, November 5-9.

Carl Sundin--Batavia, N.Y., visit leading doctor who is interested in  
LOCATION OF POTOMAC UNIVERSITY: 'the truth, October 19.

A statement was made by R. R. Figuhr concerning the problem which is before the Council, the location of the Potomac University, including the SDA Theological Seminary. The last action of the General Conference Committee is

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that we locate the University about ten miles from the present location. In view of circumstances which have arisen, the Officers with the union and local presidents have given further study to this and have recommended that action be revoked, and the matter be brought to this Council for consideration. It was

VOTED, To rescind the recommendations adopted by the General Conference Committee on March 27, 1958, appearing on pages 1135 and 1136 of the minutes, concerning the Potomac University.

A number of the delegates spoke as to the possibility of a relocation of the Potomac University at Berrien Springs, Michigan, on the Emmanuel Missionary College campus, where sufficient land would be provided free of charge, and also as to the advantages afforded by having the University remain in close proximity to the General Conference headquarters. Several spoke in favor of the University being located near to the General Conference office, and thus in contact with our General Conference leaders, also in proximity to an area where there are a number of churches where the young men may obtain ministerial training, as well as avail themselves of the facilities of the Congressional Library. Among the speakers were the following: J. D. Smith, H. L. Rudy, F. O. Rittenhouse, L. E. Froom, H. W. Kibble, E. D. Dick, W. R. Beach, W. H. Beaven, and R. S. Moore.

The time having come for adjournment, it was agreed to resume the discussion of the Potomac University location at the meeting to convene at 4:00 P.M.

Announcement was made of Committees called.

Adjourned at 12:25 P.M.

Closing prayer by R. A. Anderson.

M. V. Campbell, Chairman  
N. W. Dunn, Secretary  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

#### Twenty-Fourth Meeting

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 23, 1958, 4:00 P.M.

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The sixth meeting of the Autumn Council convened at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 23.

Prayer was offered by W. E. Murray.

The discussion of the morning was resumed--the location of Potomac University.

Many speakers were given the privilege of voicing their ideas, and a very fine spirit was manifested. When the time came to adjourn, there were still

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others who desired to speak, so it was decided to hold over the decision until another meeting.

C. S. LONGACRE--DEATH OF; CONDOLENCE TO RELATIVES:

Word was received that Elder C. S. Longacre had not survived the operation which he had undergone.

Elder Longacre began his work in connection with this denomination in 1896 as a colporteur. From that time until 1913 he served as an evangelist and educator. At that time he was called to connect with the General Conference Religious Liberty Department, continuing in that work as the Secretary and Associate Secretary until 1950. Thirty years of that time he acted also as Secretary of our Temperance work. He was widely known and highly esteemed. It was

VOTED, That we express to Mrs. C. S. Longacre and members of the family our heartfelt sympathy in their loss, and deep appreciation for the work and influence of Elder Longacre in his long life with us.

Adjourned at 5:25 P.M. until Friday morning at 10:15.

Closing prayer by N. W. Dunn.

M. V. Campbell, Chairman  
N. W. Dunn, Secretary  
Marjorie Marsh,  
Assistant Recording Secretary

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Devotional Meeting: In the Devotional Meeting held at 9:00 A.M., Friday, October 24, M. V. Campbell was the speaker. He read as his text James 1: 4, "Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." He said that patience has a part in bringing about perfection. Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." We should be perfect in our sphere as God is in His. God wants our mind, soul, and body to be perfect. All of us should have blameless bodies. In Europe especially it has been noted that Seventh-day Adventists do not have as high a percentage of cancer and heart disease as do non-Adventists since we follow health reform. Philipoians 4: 8 was quoted as the best prescription for mental health. Any man in any race may be cleansed by the blood of Christ. He is able to present you faultless, with a blameless body, blameless mind, and a perfect soul.

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## Twenty-Fifth Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 24, 1958, 10:15 A.M.

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V. G. Anderson as Chairman called the seventh business meeting of the Council to order.

Prayer by R. R. Bietz.

## POTOMAC UNIVERSITY--LOCATION:

In the preceding meeting a motion had been made and seconded that the Potomac University be located on the campus of Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

A substitute motion was made by C. A. Scriven that a straw vote be taken as to whether the University be located on the Emmanuel Missionary College campus or in the Washington area. Seconded, and VOTED.

The following spoke on various factors to be considered in moving the University to Berrien Springs, or remaining near Washington, D.C.: G. E. Guenther, R. R. Figuhr, C. A. Scriven, T. E. Unruh, H. L. Rudy, M. L. Mills, W. L. Cheatham, Theodore Carcich, L. R. Rasmussen, F. O. Rittenhouse, W. G. C. Murdoch, F. A. Mote, and others, some of whom were visitors. Emphasis was given by a number to the desirability of following the instruction given in the Spirit of prophecy that our educational institutions should be located in rural areas.

It was agreed to have prayer and then take a straw vote. F. W. Schnepfer led in prayer.

The straw vote revealed that 60 of those who voted favored the location of the Potomac University in the Washington, D.C., area, and 113 favored its location on the campus of Emmanuel Missionary College.

VOTED, To locate the Potomac University on the campus of Emmanuel Missionary College. (A further vote taken made it unanimous.)

Further VOTED, To ask the Chairman to appoint a Committee of five representative men to bring in implementing recommendations to the action taken.

Prayer of dismissal by F. L. Peterson.

Adjourned at 12:40 P.M., until 1:45 P.M.

V. G. Anderson, Chairman  
F. L. Peterson, Secretary  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

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## Twenty-Sixth Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 24, 1958, 1:45 P.M.

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The eighth meeting of the Autumn Council was called at 1:45 P.M. on Friday, October 24.

Prayer by F. A. Mote.

## C. G. CROSS--ELECTIVE MEMBER OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That C. G. Cross, Manager of the Christian Record Benevolent Association, be an elective member of the General Conference Committee.

## FREQUENCY OF NORTH AMERICAN DEPARTMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES:

VOTED, That the item "Frequency of North American Departmental Advisory Committees," presented in a series of recommendations from the Officers and Union and Local Presidents, be tabled.

Recommendations from the Policy Committee were adopted as follows:

## SIZE OF LOCAL MISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

We recommend, 1. That Article VI--Executive Committee, Section 1 of the model constitution for Local Missions appearing on pages 38, 39 of the Working Policy, be revised to read:

"The Mission committee shall consist of from five to eleven members as determined by the Division committee, of which committee the president shall be an ex-officio member and the chairman."

2. That Section 3 of this same Article be revised by the elimination of the words three members, and that this space be left blank with the understanding that the Division concerned shall determine the number on the basis of the size of the Mission committee.

## MISSIONARY ORIENTATION:

We recommend, 1. That the first sentence of paragraph 1 of the Missionary Orientation Program appearing on page 137 of the Working Policy be amended to read as follows:

"In order to acquaint the newly appointed missionary with the conditions and problems he will meet on arriving in his field of service, an orientation course of a minimum of six weeks and up to several months is offered by the Seminary in close collaboration with the General Conference."

2. That the first sentence of paragraph 2 be amended to read:



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"All new appointees including educational, medical, and institutional workers unless excused by the General Conference Committee are expected to attend this course."

#### MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXPENSE IN OVERSEAS DIVISIONS:

We recommend, That the wording of the policy entitled "Medical and Dental Expense in Overseas Divisions," appearing on page 234 of the Working Policy, be substituted by the following:

A worker having medical and/or dental and/or optical and/or hearing aid and/or obstetrical expense may be allowed one half of the bill on such expense up to 50 per cent of one month's salary, and three-fourths of any additional amount above 50 per cent of one month's salary. When the illness of the worker or the one individual concerned in the family continues beyond the twelve-month period, in such case assistance on the expense may be continued for a reasonable length of time in accordance with the above provision without a change in rate.

#### DELEGATES AT LARGE--LOCAL CONFERENCE AND MISSION SESSIONS:

We recommend, 1. That Article IV, Section 2, d of the Constitution of \_\_\_\_\_ Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, appearing on page 41 of the Working Policy, be amended to read:

"All ordained and licensed ministers, and also those holding missionary credentials, employed by this conference who are in good and regular standing, and holding credentials and licenses from the \_\_\_\_\_ Union Conference or from this conference."

2. That Article IV, Section 2, c of the operating policy of the \_\_\_\_\_ Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, appearing on page 37 of the Working Policy, be amended to read:

"All ordained and licensed ministers, and also those holding missionary credentials who are in good and regular standing, and holding credentials and licenses from the Union or Local Mission."

#### CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES:

We recommend, That paragraphs 5 and 10 of the policy entitled "Credentials and Licenses" that appears on page 67 of the Working Policy and reading:

"5. Missionary License, granted to all regularly employed field, medical, and educational workers; and to office, institutional, and industrial workers who have been in denominational work for more than five years, and who do not qualify by the nature of their work and experience to receive missionary credentials."

"10. Employment cards to be issued by the employing organization to all office, institutional, and industrial employees, not holding credentials or licenses from some denominational organization. The names of those holding only employment cards will not be listed in the Yearbook."

be amended to read as follows:

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"5. Missionary License, granted to regularly employed field, medical, educational, and office workers; may also be granted to industrial and miscellaneous office and miscellaneous institutional workers who have been in denominational employ for more than five years."

"10. Employment Cards, issued by the employing organization to all industrial and miscellaneous office and miscellaneous institutional employees not holding credentials or licenses from some denominational organization. The names of those holding only Employment Cards will not be listed in the Yearbook."

And further,

That the word evangelistic be deleted from the introductory statement of this policy.

#### WORKING FUND AND CASH REQUIREMENTS OF INSTITUTIONS:

We recommend, 1. That the section entitled "College and Academy Operating Capital," Working Policy, page 191, be deleted.

2. That the section entitled "Working Fund and Cash Requirements of Institutions," Working Policy, page 182, be revised to read as follows:

"1. The minimum standard of working capital to be maintained by our institutions and applied in financial reports and analyses is as follows: Colleges, junior colleges, and sanitariums, 20 per cent of the annual operating expense; academies, 15 per cent of annual operating expense. ~~College~~, junior college, and academy boards should study to bring instructional costs to the place where they equal instructional income and regular subsidies.

"2. The minimum standard for cash or negotiable securities is the equivalent of liabilities and surplus reserves, and is to be so applied in financial reports and analyses."

#### APPLICATION OF VACATION POLICY IN TRANSFERRING WORKERS:

We recommend, The addition of a second paragraph to the policy entitled "Vacations," Working Policy, page 62, this paragraph to read as follows:

"In transferring workers, the vacation should be considered in working out the settlement between the two organizations or institutions involved. Otherwise, the organization employing the worker at the time the vacation is taken will be responsible."

#### QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE ORDINATION OF MINISTERS:

We recommend, That the entire statement on "Qualifications for the Ordination of Ministers" as voted by the Autumn Council of 1954, (Autumn Council booklet, pages 3-10; pages 110-114, General Conference Committee minutes) be included in the Working Policy under the section entitled "Ordination to the Ministry," beginning on page 63. And further

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That the words departmental and institutional leaders be inserted in the first sentence of the first paragraph of this statement appearing on page 9 of the 1954 "Actions of the Autumn Council." The sentence will then read:

"Workers in other capacities, such as editors, secretary-treasurers of conferences, departmental and institutional leaders, may also come to the place in their service where ordination is appropriate; however, in these cases as in every other, the divine call to the ministry must be clear before the church, acting as God's representative, separates them to the gospel ministry."

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

CREENTIALS TO SEMINARY AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS:

We recommend, That ministers attending the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary or University by arrangement or approval of their employing committee, continue to receive ministerial credentials for a period up to two years from their latest employing organization.

ASSISTANCE ON MEDICAL EXPENSE:

We recommend, That paragraph 4 of the policy on "Assistance on Medical Expense" appearing on pages 202, 203 of the Working Policy, be amended by the addition of the words obstetrical expense excepted, so that the paragraph will then read:

"4. A denominationally employed married woman whose husband is a student, unemployed, or nondenominationally employed, will be granted medical expense allowance only for her own medical expense incurred, obstetrical expense excepted. If, because her husband is incapacitated, she is recognized as the head of the home, the policy may apply for the medical expense of her dependents."

GRADUATE WORK:

We recommend, 1. That approval be given to the College of Medical Evangelists for the organization of a Division of General Studies in which to place all of the supporting courses of study being offered which do not fit into the organization of the various professional schools. (Such courses are the present offerings in religion, social studies, and other general education courses required in the nursing, physical therapy, medical and dental curriculum.)

2. That temporary approval be given to the La Sierra College for the offering of graduate work in elementary and secondary education; this authorization to be subject to a survey of La Sierra College by the General Conference Department of Education and to the implementing of such recommendations as might be made by a survey committee. A report of the findings of this survey will be made to the 1959 Autumn Council when final decision regarding this matter will be made.

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A recommendation from the Plans Committee was adopted as follows:

AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE TO GOD FOR HIS UNREMITTING  
FAITHFULNESS TO HIS PEOPLE

The overwhelming evidences of God's loving-kindness to His children amid the stress and strain of this atomic age, the outpouring of His Spirit in special manifestations of grace in areas of acute need throughout the world-wide field, and the increasing tempo of the fulfillment of all that the prophets have spoken concerning the coming of our Saviour to end this era of sin, call forth once more our humblest gratitude, deepest devotion, and consecrated commitment to our world task as we convene in this 1958 Autumn Council.

In this time of unprecedented prosperity in the work of God, when embattled statesmen seek in vain for an elusive peace, the multiplied mercies of divine favor that have been poured upon us call for a new impetus in our evangelistic endeavor, and a marshalling of every asset and advantage for a greater forward movement in the finishing of the work than has yet been seen. Our gratitude to the Lord must manifest itself, therefore, not so much in resolutions spread upon a printed page as in a resurgence of faith in the everlasting assurances of God's Word, in an intelligent re-examination of our purposes and plans, and in a re-dedication of our lives and energies to His work.

Recognizing that God's faithfulness endures to all generations, and that there are no crises beyond the scope of His infinite wisdom and the reach of His power, we put our hands into His again for guidance in the perplexing days that confront us. Seeking no luster of our own, but desiring only that we reflect in all our actions the light of the glory in the face of Jesus Christ, we resolve to press forward in unity and harmony dedicating ourselves anew to the fulfilling of the great commission "Go, teach all nations," with the prayer on our lips:

"Grant us Thy truth to make us free,  
And kindling hearts that burn for Thee,  
Till all Thy living altars claim  
One holy light, one heavenly flame."

The following report from the Committee appointed by the Chair to word the recommendations regarding the University was presented and adopted:

We recommend, 1. That we express our appreciation for, and accept the offer of the Lake Union Conference for forty acres of land on the campus of Emmanuel Missionary College on which to locate our denominational university, including the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and School of Graduate Studies.

2. That we revise the 1956 Autumn Council action which authorized the establishment of the denomination's university, by inserting the name of Emmanuel Missionary College in place of Washington Missionary College, and the Lake Union Conference in place of the Columbia Union Conference.

3. That in the interests of the early relocation and accreditation of this institution, we authorize the General Conference Committee, working with the

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responsible boards and organizations, to proceed immediately with whatever stops are necessary to implement this action.

F. W. Schnepfer, Chairman  
 Richard Hammill, Secretary  
 K. F. Ambs, R. R. Figuhr, G. E. Hutches.

Word was received of the disastrous fire at Blue Mountain Academy which destroyed the barn, and one student was fatally injured.

Announcements were given of Committees called.

Closing prayer by W. E. Murray.

Adjourned at 3:05 P.M. until Sunday morning at 10:15 A.M.

V. G. Anderson, Chairman  
 F. L. Peterson, Secretary  
 Marjorie Marsh,  
 Assistant Recording Secretary

Devotional Meeting: The devotional speaker on Sunday, October 26, at 9:00 A.M., was W. J. Hackett, recently elected president of the Atlantic Union. He read from 2 Peter 3: 11, and 12, concerning the manner of persons we ought to be in all holy conversation and godliness. "Christ is sitting for His portrait in every Christian." He inquired, What is our need as preachers and workers? Our need spiritually perhaps falls into the border-line areas, the individual conscience, the area of free choice. It has been stated as the area of the law of the unenforceable. This law is in existence beyond the letter of the law. It operates in the school, office, and home. Included in it may be respect for the feelings of others, and strict honesty. It is learning to think less of ourselves and more of making others happy. It means words and deeds of tender consideration for others. He emphasized the importance of following the Golden Rule. He gave a closing illustration of the touch of a master artist on a church organ, and said, "Let the Master touch the organ of your soul."

Twenty-Seventh Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 26, 1958, 10:15 A.M.

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The Chairman, W. B. Ochs, called the ninth meeting of the Council to order.

J. J. Nethery offered the opening prayer.

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Recommendations were presented from the Plans Committee, which with amendments and additions were adopted as follows:

USE OF THE DENOMINATIONAL NAME:

WHEREAS, The name "Seventh-day Adventist" belongs to the entire church body and its use implies denominational connection or control or sanction; and

WHEREAS, Some of our faithful members in various fields are organizing commercial and fellowship groups using the denominational name to designate their particular group and activities without being responsible to any authorizing denominational board or committee; and

WHEREAS, Though the use of the denominational name may afford the members of the various fellowship and professional groups inspiration and beneficial value, such use might easily lead to embarrassment of the entire church body; therefore,

We recommend, That we appeal to our church members connected with such organizations, or contemplating the establishing of such organizations, to refrain from using the title "Seventh-day Adventist," or the initials "SDA," in connection with the name of their organization.

DISTRIBUTION OF PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS:

WHEREAS, The Missionary-Book-of-the-Year Plan has greatly extended the distribution of our large truth-filled books; and

WHEREAS, The selection of Patriarchs and Prophets for 1958 places in our hands another heaven-indited volume presenting in beautiful form the great fundamental truths of the Christian Church; and

WHEREAS, The messenger of the Lord has indicated that Patriarchs and Prophets contains "truth that is to be proclaimed in all parts of the world" (Colporteur Ministry, 124) and presents "God's direct appeal to the people" (Colporteur Ministry, 129), and will "point out dangers" and will "keep from strange paths" (Colporteur Ministry, 130); and

WHEREAS, We have been admonished that "every effort should be made to get Patriarchs and Prophets before the people" (Id., 123); therefore,

We recommend, 1. That we encourage our English and Spanish-speaking church members to put forth unprecedented efforts to place the Missionary Edition of Patriarchs and Prophets in as many homes as possible during the remaining months of 1958.

2. That in doing this we take into account neighbors, friends, non-Adventist relatives, business acquaintances, professional clientele, clergymen, prominent professional men, etc.

3. That we urge an extensive use of this volume as an appropriate and lasting holiday gift.

4. That we call the attention of organizations and church members to the unique qualities of Patriarchs and Prophets as a volume which might well be widely used in approaching Hebrew members of our community.

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5. That we urge our believers to take advantage of this remarkable opportunity not only for obtaining most effective missionary literature but for supplying their own individual needs, thus giving this special edition of Patriarchs and Prophets the widest possible distribution.

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

We recommend, That before the end of the first quarter of each year a Director of Vacation Bible School be appointed by the Church Board in each church to work with the Sabbath School Council in planning for, promoting, directing, and caring for the follow-up work of the Vacation Bible School.

#### ORGANIZATION FOR EFFECTIVE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ACTIVITY:

WHEREAS, The current trend toward uniformity and conformity is reviving the pattern of coercion and conditioning the mind of the masses against religious liberty; and

WHEREAS, Efforts to enact laws affecting adversely the separation of church and state call for more concentrated activity for the cause of freedom; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That our union conferences in North America give studied consideration to providing adequate and trained leadership to their Religious Liberty and Industrial Relations Department, and if any of the smaller unions find this impossible, that inasmuch as Religious Liberty and Public Relations complement each other, one man be appointed to carry the work of both the Religious Liberty and Public Relations Departments.

2. That local conferences, in counsel with their union conference organization, endeavor to provide adequate religious liberty organization on the local conference level so that our representatives may make contacts and become acquainted with persons of influence and carry out a positive program of Religious Liberty education in the various states.

3. That we urge every Seventh-day Adventist family to subscribe to Liberty Magazine and to secure as many subscriptions as possible for their neighbors and friends and, furthermore, that we encourage our members to donate funds to provide Liberty subscriptions to men and women of influence in their community, town, and state, and that each church personally present its local library with a complimentary subscription to Liberty Magazine.

4. That overseas divisions carefully study the situation existing in the various countries within their territory, and that they plan to provide wise instruction for our people regarding the present and future issues in the field of Religious Liberty; and, furthermore, that provision be made so that men of influence and leadership may be contacted, tactfully setting before them the exalted principles of Religious Liberty in all its phases, so that in times of crisis there may be those in offices of authority who understand our position.

#### INGATHERING GOAL AND OBJECTIVE:

In view of the adjustment in rescheduling the Ingathering campaign date for 1959 and the expanding needs of our world mission program,

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We recommend, 1. That each union and local conference make every effort in the 1959 Ingathering campaign to exceed the Ingathering achievement of 1958; and

2. That our 1959 Ingathering goal be \$4,075,000 and our field objective be \$4,850,000 for North America. (The same as for 1958.)

#### MINISTERIAL READING COURSE REACTIVATION:

WHEREAS, Widespread disappointment has been expressed throughout the world field concerning the lapse of the Ministerial Book Club or Reading Course; and

WHEREAS, Our English-reading workers in many parts of the world are situated where they have practically no access to religious book stores and are therefore deprived of the opportunity of browsing through shelves of helpful volumes in order to make their selections; and

WHEREAS, The Ministerial Association has been requested by many individual leaders and by committee actions to adopt a Reading Course or Book Club plan for our ministers, a sample of such a request being the following action of the Northern European Division:

"Voted: That in harmony with the suggestions from the union conferences we request the General Conference to give study to the possibility of a revival of the Ministerial Reading Course plan, whereby specific books were recommended to the ministerial workers as a Reading Course plan each year." And

WHEREAS, At the Ministerial Convention held in Cleveland this matter was given careful study, resulting in a unanimous request being passed by the convention for the restoration of the plan; therefore,

We recommend, That the Ministerial Reading Course be reinstated and that our field leaders urge our workers to avail themselves of this as one means of developing a stronger ministry.

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#### TEMPERANCE WORK--FINANCING OF:

VOTED, That a representative committee from the field be appointed to give study to the plan of financing the temperance work, suggestion having been made that the plan be reversed and the local church be permitted to keep fifty per cent; the committee appointed to bring in a recommendation to the 1959 Autumn Council.

Further recommendations were presented, from the Officers and Union and Local Presidents, and these with changes and additions were adopted as follows:

#### FINANCIAL POLICIES RELATIVE TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS:

We recommend, That the following financial policies relative to University students be adopted:



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1. That tuition charges for students in the Seminary and the School of Graduate Studies be the same.

2. That paragraph 4 of the policy entitled "Assistance for Currently Employed Workers Attending Seminary," appearing on page 80 of the Working Policy and reading: "Free tuition scholarships are granted to all regularly employed workers sent by conferences and institutions" be deleted, and that all students attending the University, regardless of whether they are workers or nonworkers, be charged the same; to be effective beginning September, 1959.

3. That changes be made in the policies appearing on pages 78-81 of the Working Policy, so that these will read as follows:

TRAVEL EQUALIZATION FUND FOR NONWORKER POTOMAC UNIVERSITY STUDENTS:

A fund has been set up by the Potomac University to share transportation expense for students and their wives coming from distant points to Potomac University. In the case of students or students and their wives coming from the western part of the United States, expense will be paid equivalent to one-way railway coach fare from the student's home to the Mississippi River. The fare of students coming from Western Canada will be paid on the same basis to Minneapolis. For students from Eastern Canada, the fare will be paid to the border between the United States and Canada. This provision applies only within the limits of the continental United States and Canada, and for students who remain in residence at Potomac University for two consecutive semesters, and who take not less than ten semester hours' study load, or the equivalent, per semester.

ASSISTANCE FOR CURRENTLY EMPLOYED WORKERS  
ATTENDING POTOMAC UNIVERSITY:

1. For all currently employed workers attending Potomac University sent by conferences or institutions within the North American Division for at least two consecutive semesters, the travel expense for the worker or the worker and his wife to and from Potomac University is borne by the General Conference Potomac University Student Subsidy Fund. When such a worker, or worker and his wife, come to Potomac University for less than two consecutive semesters, the travel expense of the worker himself is borne by the General Conference Potomac University Student Subsidy Fund, but not the expense of the worker's wife.

2. For the sake of uniformity as to travel arrangements, the following plan is applied where travel is to be borne by the General Conference Potomac University Student Subsidy Fund:

a. All reimbursements will be made on the basis of railway coach fare by most direct route regardless of the means of transportation used. Bus fares are allowed to connect with train service where rail service is not available.

b. The regular daily travel allowance at the prevailing rate in North America for the worker, plus \$1.50 per day for his wife, is allowed for the ordinary travel time.

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- c. Excess baggage is a personal expense to the worker.
3. The local conference or institution sending the student continues his regular salary.
4. Unless the sending organization makes other arrangements with the worker, it shall reimburse the worker for regular tuition charges, the matriculation and library fee, and allow up to \$15 per semester for textbooks and syllabi which the student may be required to buy.
5. When the worker attends Potomac University without his family, making it necessary for him to pay rent in two places, the conference or institution employing him continues the rent arrangements for the family at home and also pays up to \$25 a month to apply on the rent charge for the worker's single room. If the worker is accompanied by his family, the General Conference rent subsidy policy will apply.
6. When the worker attending Potomac University is separated from his family and it is necessary for him to take his meals at a cafeteria or restaurant, thus increasing the family board bill, a special living allowance of one half the General Conference daily travel allowance is granted by the sending organization.
7. Upon presentation of an itemized expense report submitted by students who have been approved by their sending organizations to attend Potomac University, the Potomac University shall pay to the student the travel expense to be borne by the General Conference Potomac University Student Subsidy Fund.
8. In the case of foreign missionaries who are authorized to attend Potomac University while on furlough in North America, the sending division shall pay the transportation of the worker and his wife to his home or to the place where he is to spend his furlough, and shall pay the rent allowance and special living allowance in harmony with paragraphs 6 and 7. Railway coach fare for the student, or the student and his wife, from the furlough location to Potomac University and return, or from the American port of entry in the case of those furloughing in overseas divisions, is borne by the General Conference Potomac University Student Travel Subsidy Fund if the missionary attends Potomac University for a period of not less than one semester.
9. Overseas divisions are asked to make provision for selected workers, other than those on furlough, to attend Potomac University, necessary travel expense of such workers to be borne in equal proportion by the General Conference Potomac University Student Subsidy Fund, the division, and the union in which the worker is employed. It is understood that this provision is made on behalf of those who attend Potomac University for at least two consecutive semesters, and that in the case of those attending for a shorter time the portion of travel expense borne by the Student Subsidy Fund will be proportionately reduced.
10. In the case of national workers approved by overseas divisions accompanied by their families, the General Conference rent subsidy will apply. When a worker is alone, the division or its subsidiary organization pays the entire room rent of quarters arranged by Potomac University, and grants one half the daily food allowance at the General Conference rate in addition to the other allowances provided above.

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11. Overseas divisions sending national workers to Potomac University should keep in mind the necessity for making adequate financial provision in harmony with economic conditions prevailing in the United States.

12. Division committees are asked to give favorable consideration to arrangements whereby newly appointed missionary recruits from the North American base may spend from six to twelve weeks in Potomac University before leaving for the mission field, as time and circumstances relating to the call make practicable; and overseas division committees shall apply the plan in cases of missionary appointees from other home bases as they may deem advisable.

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VOTED, To refer the paragraph presented from the Officers and Union and Local Presidents re "Travel Equalization Fund for Nonworker Potomac University Students," also Nos. 4, 7, and 8 under "Assistance for Currently Employed Workers Attending Potomac University" to a group for further study. It is understood that the policy will continue in current use until further decision is reached.

Further VOTED, That the Secretary be authorized to make any editorial change in the name of the University that may be decided upon.

#### MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIP TRAINING:

A suggestion was made that study be given to the possibility of the young men who have trained as ministers being given opportunity to gain experience in the field before authorizing them to attend the SDA Theological Seminary for advanced training. It was

VOTED, That we request the Committee on Ministerial Training Program to consider a plan as to how added assistance may be given to our ministers in advancing their education.

R. J. Christian was afforded opportunity to speak in behalf of the circulation of the Review and Herald. In view of a slight decrease at present in the subscription list, he invited the co-operation of the workers assembled in promotion of the Review and Herald in their fields.

Announcements were made.

Adjourned at 12:30 P.M. until 3:45 P.M.

F. A. Mote offered the closing prayer.

W. B. Ochs, Chairman  
E. E. Roenfelt, Secretary  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

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## Twenty-Eighth Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 26, 1958, 3:45 P.M.

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The tenth business meeting of the Autumn Council was brought to order by Chairman W. B. Ochs, at 3:45 P.M., Sunday, October 26.

Opening prayer by C. H. Lauda.

A report on General Conference Departmental Publications being sent to the field was distributed so that the field might know of the endeavors of the departments.

Recommendations from the Finance Committee were voted as follows:

(Please see following three pages.)

## AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY 1959 ALLOTMENTS

We recommend, That the following be the allotments for 1959:

	<u>1957 Net Tithes</u>	<u>Allotment</u>
Atlantic Union	2 685 407 69	1 012 50
Canadian Union	1 183 219 73	445 50
Central Union	2 192 256 89	823 50
Columbia Union	4 836 275 90	1 809 00
Lake Union	4 361 333 35	1 633 50
Northern Union	1 182 844 90	445 50
North Pacific Union	4 130 456 35	1 552 50
Pacific Union	9 826 206 87	3 685 50
Southern Union	3 759 452 45	1 417 50
Southwestern Union	<u>1 812 637 52</u>	<u>675 00</u>
Totals	<u>35 970 091 65</u>	<u>13 500 00</u>

## SERVICEMEN'S CENTERS 1959 ALLOTMENTS

We recommend, That the following be the allotments for 1959:

	<u>1957 Net Tithes</u>	<u>San Antonio</u>	<u>Alaska</u>
Atlantic Union	2 685 407 69	894 24	131 23
Central Union	2 192 256 89	730 02	107 13
Columbia Union	4 836 275 90	1 610 48	236 35
Lake Union	4 361 333 35	1 452 32	213 14
Northern Union	1 182 844 90	393 88	57 80
North Pacific Union	4 130 456 35	1 375 44	201 85
Pacific Union	9 826 206 87	3 272 12	480 20
Southern Union	3 759 452 45	1 251 90	183 72
Southwestern Union	<u>1 812 637 52</u>	<u>603 60</u>	<u>88 58</u>
Totals	<u>34 786 871 92</u>	<u>11 584 00</u>	<u>1 700 00</u>

COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS  
1959 Building Fund Allotments

We recommend, That the following be the College of Medical Evangelists Building Fund allotments for 1959:

<u>Unions</u>	1957 <u>Net Tithes</u>	1959 <u>Allotment</u>
Atlantic	2 685 407 69	7 190 15
Canadian	1 183 219 73	3 168 06
Central	2 192 256 89	5 869 75
Columbia	4 836 275 90	12 949 08
Lake	4 361 333 35	11 677 43
Northern	1 182 844 90	3 167 05
North Pacific	4 130 456 35	11 059 26
Pacific (not based on Tithes)	-	60 000 00
Southern	3 759 452 45	10 065 90
Southwestern	<u>1 812 637 52</u>	<u>4 853 32</u>
Totals	26 143 884 78	130 000 00
<u>Sanitariums</u>	1957 Gross <u>Patient Income</u>	
Boulder	331 658 45	185 14
Florida	1 515 475 71	845 99
Forsyth	191 874 41	107 11
Glendale	3 350 201 26	1 870 20
Hinsdale	2 153 648 08	1 202 24
New England	1 174 035 83	655 39
Paradise Valley	1 545 314 99	862 65
Porter	1 675 022 92	935 05
Portland	1 804 541 94	1 007 36
Rest Haven	192 298 78	107 35
St. Helena	1 017 841 40	568 19
Walker Memorial	328 204 44	183 21
Walla Walla	393 435 34	219 63
Washington (D C)	<u>2 240 080 56</u>	<u>1 250 49</u>
Totals	17 913 634 11	10 000 00
General Conference		<u>90 000 00</u>
Total Allotments for 1959		<u><u>230 000 00</u></u>

OAKWOOD COLLEGE SUBSIDY  
1959 Allotments

We recommend, That the following be the allotments for Oakwood College for 1959:

	<u>1957 Tithes</u>	<u>2% Allotment</u>	
Atlantic Union (Northeastern Conf)	496 850 71	9 937 01	
Central Union (Central States Conf)	127 048 07	2 540 96	
Columbia Union (Allegheny Conf)	592 880 58	11 857 61	
Lake Union (Lake Region Conf)	335 084 96	6 701 70	
Northern Union (Minneapolis)	8 583 43	171 67	
North Pacific			
Oregon (Portland)	6 644 94	132 90	
Washington (Seattle)	14 493 52	<u>289 87</u>	422 77
Pacific Union			
Arizona	9 897 11	197 94	
Central California	50 038 07	1 000 76	
Nevada-Utah	2 673 64	53 47	
Northern California	82 532 67	1 650 65	
Southeastern California	80 721 64	1 614 43	
Southern California	195 396 39	<u>3 907 93</u>	8 425 18
Southern Union			
South Atlantic Conference	346 767 09	6 935 34	
South Central Conference	217 648 90	(4%) <u>8 705 96</u>	15 641 30
Southwestern Union (Southwest Region Conf)	<u>149 177 59</u>	<u>2 983 55</u>	
Totals	<u><u>2 716 439 31</u></u>	<u><u>58 681 75</u></u>	

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Recommendations from the Plans Committee were adopted as follows:

**STRENGTHENING COLLEGE MV SOCIETIES:**

WHEREAS, The College Missionary Volunteer Society occupies a strategic position in the advance of the threefold message; and

WHEREAS, The vigor and effectiveness of our senior Missionary Volunteer societies in the churches is vitally affected by the graduates of our colleges; therefore,

We recommend, That administrators, teachers, and boards join the Missionary Volunteer Department in building up the Missionary Volunteer Society on the campus so that its program will challenge every student in the college.

**SELLING MAJOR DOCTRINAL BOOKS:**

We recommend, That each local conference publishing committee give careful study to follow-up methods whereby literature evangelists may place large doctrinal books with customers who have previously purchased sets of children's books; and that a well-developed follow-up program be presented to our literature evangelists at the annual institutes.

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## BUDGET FOR 1959:

The General Conference Treasurer, C. L. Torrey, and the Undertreasurer, O. A. Blake, presented the Budget for 1959, which was adopted. The Budget Committee were able to meet 76 per cent of the requests which came to them. A standing vote of appreciation was given. All joined in singing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." A prayer of gratitude to God for the funds that have been made available, and that the Lord may bless their use throughout the world, was offered by W. R. Beach.

(Please refer to following pages for the Budget.)

## TIME AND PLACE FOR 1959 SPRING AND AUTUMN COUNCILS:

VOTED, That the Spring Council be held in Takoma Park, April 13-15, 1959; the first meeting to convene at 10:30 A.M. on April 13.

VOTED, That the Autumn Council be held in Takoma Park, October 20-26, 1959; the first meeting to convene at 10:30 A.M. on October 20.

Announcements of Committees were given.

Closing prayer by J. A. Stevens.

Adjournment at 5:30 P.M., until 10:15 A.M., Monday, October 27.

W. B. Ochs, Chairman  
E. E. Roenfelt, Secretary  
Marjorie Marsh,  
Assistant Recording Secretary

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Devotional Meeting.--The devotional talk on Monday, October 27, at 9:00 A.M. was given by F. A. Mote. The topic was "In His Steps," and 1 Peter 2: 21 was read for an opening text. He also quoted John 1: 43, John 21: 22, and 1 Corinthians 11: 1, which give instruction to follow Christ. We must first learn to follow before we can lead. He read statements from Volume 9 of the Testimonies, pages 264, 282, 283 with regard to the qualifications needed by leaders; also Volume 5, pages 379, 380. Among the wonderful qualifications which God has listed for the men who lead out in His work are integrity, unselfishness, devotion, working Christians, not easily misled. In Gospel Workers, page 147, we are told we are to labor and pray, pray and labor. Let us talk faith. Let us talk giving to missions. Let us not forget that our work is to evangelize. Let there go out from this Autumn Council a note of courage. The Lord is coming soon. The church should be on fire for God.

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BUDGET FOR 1959

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WE RECOMMEND, That the base and special appropriations for 1959 to the world fields be made from the following estimated income and available funds:

REGULAR:

General Conference Estimated Income (Basis 1957) for Base Appropriations	16 240 435 64
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SPECIALS:

From Working Capital	1 388 500 00	
From Reconstruction Base, Orient	500 000 00	
From Exchange Gains	300 000 00	
From Harris Pine Mills (Oregon Corporation)		
	100 000 00	
Less: North Pacific Union Share	<u>25 000 00</u>	75 000 00
From Security Fluctuation Reserve		700 000 00
From Special Funds - Central Europe		100 000 00
From Miscellaneous Funds:		
T. M. Nelson Estate	16 000 00	
Green Estate - N Y Evangelism	<u>11 884 45</u>	<u>27 884 45</u>
Total Provision for Special Appropriations		3 091 384 45

REVERTIBLE FUNDS (Basis 1957)

Estimated, All Divisions	<u>5 742 942 89</u>
	25 074 762 98

CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS

Total Estimated Income and Available Funds	<u><u>25 314 762 98</u></u>
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WE RECOMMEND, 1. That the Base Appropriations for 1959 be as follows:

OVERSEAS:

Australia		478 203 00
Central Europe		
Base	58 220 00	
Sustentation	<u>24 000 00</u>	82 220 00
Far East		
Base	1 480 868 00	
Additional for South China Union	<u>10 000 00</u>	1 490 868 00
Inter-America		
Base	1 152 747 00	
Miami Transportation	4 000 00	
Montemorelos Counsellor	<u>2 000 00</u>	1 158 747 00
Middle East		613 611 00
Northern Europe		
Base	1 045 502 00	
London New Gallery	<u>25 000 00</u>	1 070 502 00
South America		1 213 212 00
Southern Africa		1 508 487 00
Southern Asia		
Base	1 250 073 00	
Assam Mission	9 000 00	
Himalayan Mission	14 325 00	
Vellore Doctor	<u>4 368 00</u>	1 277 766 00

Southern Europe		
Base	1 269 830 00	
Rome Transportation Agent	<u>1 000 00</u>	1 270 830 00
Reconstruction Base, Orient		500 481 00
International Radio		
Australia	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>
<b>Total Base Appropriations for Overseas Divisions</b>		<u><u>11 129 927 00</u></u>

<b>NORTH AMERICA</b>		
Aid to Smaller Conferences	105 000 00	
Faith for Today	110 000 00	
North American Missions	172 000 00	
Oakwood College	78 317 22	
Riverside Sanitarium	10 000 00	
San Antonio Servicemen's Center	5 793 00	
Voice of Prophecy - Regular Operating	60 000 00	
Atlantic Union		
N Y Evangelistic Center Operation	25 000 00	
Greater New York	17 000 00	
Northeastern Conference	3 000 00	
Canadian Union		
Regular Operating	85 000 00	
Rest Haven San. Sustentation	3 000 00	
Southern Union		
Regional Conf. Operating	35 000 00	
Rural Schools	5 000 00	
Southwestern Union		
Southwest Region	19 000 00	
Geology & Paleontology Research	<u>13 500 00</u>	
<b>Total Base Appropriations for North American Division</b>		<u><u>746 610 22</u></u>

<b>GENERAL FOR NORTH AMERICAN AND OVERSEAS DIVISIONS</b>		
College of Medical Evangelists		
Regular Operating	875 000 00	
School of Tropical Medicine	<u>30 000 00</u>	905 000 00
Entertainment, Servicemen Overseas		1 000 00
Evangelistic Films		25 000 00
Medical Residency Plan		15 000 00
Missionary Orientation Program		33 000 00
J Nussbaum Travel & Expense for Gen. Conf.		2 000 00
Potomac University		
Regular Operating	184 526 00	
Graduate School	<u>35 000 00</u>	219 526 00

Sabbath School Films	3 000 00
Temperance Societies	
American & International	62 843 00
White Publications, Basic Library	15 000 00
	<u>1 281 369 00</u>
Administrative & Departmental	1 548 929 42
Miscellaneous & Fixed	<u>1 533 600 00</u>
 Total Base Appropriations for North American and Overseas Divisions, General Items	 <u>4 363 898 42</u>

BASE APPROPRIATIONS RECAPITULATION	
Overseas Divisions	11 129 927 00
North American Division	746 610 22
North American and Overseas Divisions - General Items	1 281 369 00
Miscellaneous & Fixed Appropriations	1 533 600 00
Administrative & Departmental	<u>1 548 929 42</u>
 GRAND TOTAL BASE APPROPRIATIONS, 1959	 <u>16 240 435 64</u>

2. That Special Appropriations be made as follows:

OVERSEAS DIVISIONS	
Australasia	
General	150 000 00
Central European	
General	100 000 00
Far East	
General	150 000 00
Inter-American	
General	150 000 00
Middle East	
General	100 000 00
Northern European	
General	150 000 00
South American	
General	150 000 00
Southern African	
General	150 000 00
Southern Asia	
General	150 000 00
Southern European	
Indebtedness	35 000 00
General	<u>125 000 00</u>
	160 000 00
Total Special Appropriations for Overseas Divisions	<u>1 410 000 00</u>

NORTH AMERICA	
Atlantic Union	
Atlantic Union College Dormitory	25 000 00
Buffalo N Y Church	20 000 00
Jewish Church New York	15 000 00
New Haven Regional Church	5 000 00
New Bedford Church	<u>5 000 00</u>
	70 000 00

Canadian Union			
Canadian Union College	54 817 25		
New Westminster Church	7 500 00		
Regina, Saskatchewan Church	7 500 00		
Toronto Church	<u>25 000 00</u>	94 817 25	
Central Union			
Jefferson City Church	5 000 00		
South Denver, Colorado Church	10 000 00		
Sanitariums--Boulder	7 500 00		
Porter	7 500 00		
Union College Men's Dormitory	<u>40 000 00</u>	70 000 00	
Columbia Union			
Capital Memorial Church	30 000 00		
Charleston, West Virginia Church	6 500 00		
Fairmont, West Virginia Church	1 000 00		
D. C. Regional Church	<u>32 500 00</u>	70 000 00	
Lake Union			
Emmanuel Missionary College--Cafeteria & Library	60 000 00		
Hinsdale Sanitarium	<u>10 000 00</u>	70 000 00	
Northern Union			
Evangelism	20 000 00		
Iowa--Nevada Church	10 000 00		
--Camp Meeting Facilities	10 000 00		
Sioux Falls Church	10 000 00		
Union Conference Administration Building	<u>20 000 00</u>	70 000 00	
North Pacific Union			
Walla Walla College	40 000 00		
Walla Walla General Hospital	17 500 00		
Fairbanks, Alaska	<u>12 500 00</u>	70 000 00	
Pacific Union			
Loma Linda Church	20 000 00		
Hawaiian Mission Hospital	40 000 00		
Glendale Sanitarium	<u>10 000 00</u>	70 000 00	
Southern Union			
Southern Missionary College	79 817 20		
Madison Church	<u>5 000 00</u>	84 817 20	
Southwestern Union			
Albuquerque Church	5 000 00		
Elgin Church	2 000 00		
Keene Church	10 000 00		
Houston Church	5 000 00		
Southwestern Junior College	<u>48 000 00</u>	70 000 00	
Sanitarium Workers' Housing			
Atlantic Union--New England Sanitarium	20 000 00		
Canadian Union--Branson Memorial Hospital	10 000 00		
--Rest Haven Sanitarium	<u>10 000 00</u>	20 000 00	
Central Union--Boulder Sanitarium	<u>10 000 00</u>		
--Porter Sanitarium	<u>10 000 00</u>	20 000 00	
Columbia Union--Washington Sanitarium	20 000 00		
Lake Union--Hinsdale Sanitarium	20 000 00		
North Pacific Union--Walla Walla Hospital	20 000 00		
Pacific Union--Paradise Valley Sanitarium	10 000 00		
--St, Helena Sanitarium	<u>10 000 00</u>	20 000 00	
Southern Union--Orlando Sanitarium	20 000 00		
Southwestern Union--Ardmore Sanitarium	<u>20 000 00</u>	<u>180 000 00</u>	
Total North American Division Specials		<u>919 634 45</u>	

NORTH AMERICAN AND OVERSEAS DIVISIONS - GENERAL

Christian Record Benevolent Ass'n.		10 000 00
College of Medical Evangelists		
Women's Residence Hall	50 000 00	
Building Fund	90 000 00	
Salary Adjustment	<u>25 000 00</u>	165 000 00
Dr. Cornell Rehabilitation		12 000 00
Educational Department		
English Textbook	5 000 00	
Bible Doctrines Textbook	5 000 00	
Music Workshop Tapes	<u>6 000 00</u>	16 000 00
Faith for Today		
Building	50 000 00	
Equipment	<u>9 500 00</u>	59 500 00
1958 General Conference Session Expense Shortage		45 000 00
Magazine Advertising		5 000 00
New York Transportation Warehouse		50 000 00
Oakwood College		
Equipment for Speech & Various Departments	5 000 00	
Accreditation	4 850 00	
Central Heating	6 000 00	
Machine Shed	10 000 00	
Road Paving	20 000 00	
Repayment to Union on Cottage	10 000 00	
Teachers' Cottage	8 000 00	
Grading for Duplex	1 000 00	
Sewer & Water Lines	<u>15 000 00</u>	79 850 00
Potomac University		
Buildings	250 000 00	
Graduate School Equipment	<u>2 000 00</u>	252 000 00
Research on "Immortality"		1 000 00
Riverside Sanitarium		25 000 00
Temperance Societies		
Legal Expense	1 150 00	
Translation for "Cancer by the Carton"	3 500 00	
Working Capital	<u>10 000 00</u>	14 650 00
Vellore Medical College - Building Program		5 000 00
Voice of Prophecy		15 000 00
White Publications Index		<u>6 750 00</u>
Total Special Appropriations for North American and Overseas Divisions, General Items		<u><u>761 750 00</u></u>

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS RECAPITULATION

Total for Overseas Divisions	1 410 000 00
Total for North American Division	919 634 45
Total for General Items	<u>761 750 00</u>
Total Special Appropriations	<u><u>3 091 384 45</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

240 000 00

SUMMARY OF SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

<u>Union</u>	<u>Specials</u>	<u>Sanitarium Workers Housing</u>	<u>Church Extension</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Atlantic	70 000 00	20 000 00	10 000 00	100 000 00
Canadian	94 817 25	20 000 00	10 000 00	124 817 25
Central	70 000 00	20 000 00	10 000 00	100 000 00
Columbia	70 000 00	20 000 00	10 000 00	100 000 00
Lake	70 000 00	20 000 00	10 000 00	100 000 00
Northern	70 000 00	-	10 000 00	80 000 00
North Pacific	70 000 00	20 000 00	10 000 00	100 000 00
Pacific	70 000 00	20 000 00	10 000 00	100 000 00
Southern	84 817 20	20 000 00	10 000 00	114 817 20
Southwestern	70 000 00	20 000 00	10 000 00	100 000 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>739 634 45</u></b>	<b><u>180 000 00</u></b>	<b><u>100 000 00</u></b>	<b><u>1 019 634 15</u></b>

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

Total Base Appropriations, All Divisions	16 240 435 64
Total Special Appropriations, All Divisions	3 091 384 45
Estimated Revertible Funds (Basis 1957)	
Overseas Divisions	2 099 321 65
North American Division	<u>3 643 621 24</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>5 742 942 89</u></b>
Church Extension Funds	25 074 762 98
	<u>240 000 00</u>
<b>Grand Total Appropriations for 1959 Including Reversions (Basis 1957)</b>	<b>25 314 762 98</b>
<b>Total Appropriations, 1958</b>	<b><u>26 064 954 95</u></b>
<b>Decrease</b>	<b><u>750 191 97</u></b>



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## Twenty-Ninth Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, 1958, 10:15 A.M.

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"Soldiers of Christ, Arise," was sung to open the eleventh meeting of the Council. W. E. Murray as Chairman called the meeting to order.

Prayer was offered by G. Eric Jones.

The Chairman referred to plans for the funeral of C. S. Longacre, to be held in the Takoma Park Church at 2:00 P.M. It is necessary to close the morning session early.

Recommendations from the Policy Committee were presented and adopted as follows:

## ISSUING OF CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES:

We recommend, That paragraphs 3 and 6 of the policy on "Issuing of Credentials and Licenses," which appears on page 68 of the Working Policy, be amended respectively to read as follows:

"3. By the union conference in which the institution is located, to workers in general and interunion institutions, as publishing houses, sanitariums, colleges, and graduate schools, except such persons in these institutions as are provided for under Number 4, such persons receiving papers from union conferences being listed in the Yearbook as institutional workers."

"6. By the General Conference also to such workers as in the judgment of the Committee should receive such credentials."

The following recommendations from the General Conference Officers were presented and adopted:

RELEASE OF UNPUBLISHED E. G. WHITE MATERIAL  
AND PREPARATION OF COMPILATIONS:

We recommend, That the following constitute the agreement between the General Conference and the Trustees of the E. G. White Estate regarding the release of unpublished material and preparation of E. G. White compilations:

1. It is recognized that under the stipulations of the Ellen G. White will, the decision as to whether unpublished material is suitable to be considered for general release rests with the Trustees.

2. All requests for release of unpublished material shall first be carefully considered by the Trustees.

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3. If the Trustees agree that the requested material is of such a nature as to be suitable for consideration for general release, they shall bring the request to the Spirit of Prophecy Committee for study, placing in the hands of each committee member a copy of the requested material.

4. The Spirit of Prophecy Committee shall decide whether the requested material supplies a need in the field not met by material already released. If the Committee decides that the material is of such general interest as to serve the church, it shall present a recommendation for general release, and the manner of release, to a joint meeting of the Committee and the Board of Trustees. If this joint meeting votes to release the material, the chairman of the Spirit of Prophecy Committee shall inform the General Conference Officers of the vote taken, and of the nature of the material to be released. Unless the Officers request that the matter be given further study, or unless the Trustees request further study, the vote of the joint meeting shall be final. If such request is made, then additional copies of the material under consideration shall promptly be placed in the hands of all available Officers. There shall then be held a meeting constituted of the Spirit of Prophecy Committee, the Trustees, and the Officers, the decision of which meeting shall be final.

5. Release of E. G. White manuscript materials of general interest shall be through the standard publications of the denomination. Materials released to meet some special need of local character shall be recorded both in the office of the Secretary of the General Conference Committee and the office of the Ellen G. White Estate so as to be available for wider use if and when needed.

6. All requests for the production of compilations of E. G. White material, either published or unpublished, shall be first considered by the Spirit of Prophecy Committee and then handled in essentially the same manner as requests for release of unpublished material.

7. All E. G. White material placed in the hands of readers for examination shall afterwards be returned to the Trustees. Copies of the material shall not be made by the readers.

8. Nothing in the foregoing shall be understood to preclude the Trustees themselves from initiating requests for the release of unpublished material or the preparation of a compilation of E. G. White writings. Nor shall anything in the foregoing be understood to prevent the Trustees from responding to the request of a responsible denominational leader for access to material for study.

(The above statement is to replace entirely the one which appears in the Working Policy, on pages 117 and 118.)

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Further recommendations from the Finance Committee were adopted as follows:

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## LATIN AMERICAN RADIO PRODUCTION BUDGET:

We recommend, That the Latin-American Radio Production Budget of \$47,000 be distributed as follows:

Voice of Prophecy	\$22 174 81
Inter-American Division	12 412 60
South American Division	12 412 59

## SUSTENTATION CONTRIBUTIONS:

We recommend, That the remuneration paid to medical interns in medical institutions be not included in the pay roll on which the sustentation contributions to the Sustentation Fund are calculated.

## INSURANCE OF DENOMINATIONAL PROPERTY:

We recommend, That the section on "Insurance of Denominational Property" appearing in the Working Policy, pages 192-194, be amended to read as follows:

In order that our churches, institutions, and other denominational properties may be safeguarded against undue risks of loss by fire or wind-storm, the following plans for insurance are recommended:

1. Adequate insurance shall be carried on all denominational properties for perils of fire and extended coverage, it being suggested that the coverage be on the basis of replacement values of buildings and their contents. All properties shall be covered from commencement of construction.

2. a. Each local and union conference shall survey the various buildings in their respective territories, including the contents of such buildings.

b. In order properly to carry out this survey an adequate information blank shall be prepared by the General Conference to be filled out by each conference or institution on each building under its jurisdiction. This blank shall provide for a comprehensive description of the building as to size, type of construction, original cost, age, condition of repair, estimated replacement value, estimated insurable value, amount of insurance currently carried with name of company, at least two pictures showing the front and one side elevation in each picture, and such other information as may be helpful. Information on contents shall likewise be supplied on a separate blank.

c. These blanks shall be prepared in triplicate, one for the local church or institution, one for the local conference, and one for the General Conference Insurance Service. An additional copy may be supplied to the union conference treasurer if desired.

d. An appraisal for determining the estimated replacement value and the estimated insurable value may be supplied by the Technical Department of the General Conference Insurance Service as arranged for by the governing board or controlling committee.

3. The secretary-treasurers of local and union conferences and the treasurers of the various institutions shall be responsible for holding and

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keeping a complete record of the insurance policies covering the properties in their respective fields or institutions.

It is recommended that the treasurer of the conference, in cooperation with the General Conference Insurance Service, should assure himself that the properties within the conference or institution are adequately covered with insurance in harmony with the denominational working policy.

4. a. A full record of all overseas denominational properties shall be kept by the treasurers of the respective divisions, giving in each case the name and description of the property, the amount of insurance carried, the name of the company with which it is insured, the expiration date of the insurance policy, etc.

b. With a view to making sure that proper insurance coverage does not lapse, officers of the organizations or boards concerned shall notify their committee or board at least sixty days before the date of expiration of any insurance policy, as to the date of expiration, and co-operate in arranging for the renewal of the policy.

5. All denominational properties shall be insured with companies of sound financial standing and working policies, and with A-grade ratings. Reciprocals and similar assessable companies are not recommended.

6. It shall be the duty of the auditor to check and report to the governing board or committee as to whether the provisions of insurance coverages are adequate and in harmony with the General Conference Working Policy recommendations.

7. It is recommended that denominational organizations operating either low or high pressure boilers obtain adequate coverage in the form of special boiler insurance.

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Announcements were made as to Committees called.

Adjourned at 12:00 noon until 3 P.M.

Prayer of dismissal by E. L. Green.

W. E. Murray, Chairman  
E. W. Dunbar, Secretary  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

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## Thirtieth Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, 1958, 3:30 P.M.

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The twelfth business session of the Autumn Council convened at 3:30 P.M., on Monday, October 27.

The opening prayer was offered by O. O. Mattison.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 1959:

A recommendation from the Committee on General and Departmental Meetings in 1959, was voted as follows, the date to be arranged by the General Conference Committee on items 1-3 under Departmental Councils:

We recommend, That the following meetings be authorized for 1959:

Advisory Committees:

1. Public Relations Advisory Committee  
Denver, Colorado, April 28-30
2. Religious Liberty Advisory Committee  
Autumn, place and exact time to be arranged
3. Regional Department Advisory Committee  
Oakwood College, at time of annual board meeting
4. Missionary Volunteer Department Advisory Committee  
Early October, place to be arranged
5. Publishing Department Advisory and Sales Development Committees  
October 5-8, place to be arranged

Departmental Councils

1. North American Sabbath School Secretaries' Council  
Central Canadian location, last two weeks of August  
(date referred to General Conference Committee)
2. Radio and TV Secretaries' Council  
Central Canadian location, last two weeks of August  
(date referred to General Conference Committee)
3. Home Missionary Secretaries' Council  
Central Canadian location, last two weeks of August  
(date referred to General Conference Committee)

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4. North American Medical Department Secretaries' Council  
At place and time of U.S. Public Health Convention
5. National Temperance Convention  
St. Louis or Denver, early October

Other Meetings:

1. College Administrators and Board Chairmen  
La Sierra College, July 20-24
2. College Teachers' Section Meeting  
Walla Walla College, August 19-25
3. Secondary Literature Textbook Committee  
1959 Christmas vacation period, place to be designated
4. Union and Local Conference Presidents' Council  
Miami, October 29 (7:30 P.M.), -November 2
5. Sanitarium Chaplains' Council--referred to General Conference  
Committee with authorization to arrange as may seem  
expedient after careful study
6. Public Relations Seminar for Western United States and Canada  
Pacific Union College, summer of 1959 (10 days)
7. ASI Biennial Convention--Union secretaries of this department  
authorized to attend at the call of the Association.
8. North American Youth Congress--1960  
Place and time to be approved by General Conference Committee
9. Publishing House Planning Committee  
March 5-8, place to be decided
10. Educational Superintendents' Study Conference, Eastern  
Section--Potomac University, January 5-16, 1959 (Mid-West and East)
11. Educational Superintendents' Study Conference, Western  
Section--Pacific Union College, December, 1958
12. Medical Cadet Camp--Camp Boss, June
13. National Service Chaplains' Meeting (civilian and military)  
Time and place to be decided.
14. Sectional Laymen's Congresses, 1961
 

1) San Francisco-Oakland	3) Indiana
2) Des Moines-Kansas City	4) Pennsylvania

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Recommendations from the Plans Committee were adopted as follows:

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## PUBLISHING RIGHTS TO PRINT AND TRADE:

WHEREAS, The circulation of certain of our literature would be greatly increased if a way were found to overcome certain differentials in currency exchange and labor costs existing in various countries; therefore,

We recommend, That in cases where an overseas publishing house wishes to purchase subscription and/or trade books from another overseas house other than the house of original publication, an agreement be entered into whereby the overseas house, having paid 10 per cent of the initial expense for publication rights in its own territory, could sell to another house in the same money exchange area but not in its publishing territory, provided the second overseas house would send their order to the publishing house of original publication for transmittal to the first overseas house, having purchased publication rights, with the further understanding that the first overseas house would render credit of 5 per cent on the retail, or list price, at local currency rates to the publishing house of original publication for all such books sold to the second overseas publishing house.

## INITIAL EXPENSE, AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS, ETC.:

We recommend, That the following be added to the Publishing Department Policies on division of initial expense: (page 19, Publishing Department Policies.)

That on film strips, slides, audio tapes, Memory Verse cards, picture rolls, and other Sabbath school teaching aids, Bible study charts, graphs, black light charts, and all such pictorial, visual, and audio publications as are now produced and/or sold by the Review and Herald, the duly recognized denominational producers and/or distributors of such supplies, the division of initial expense be as follows:

1. Overseas divisions, conferences, and/or self-supporting publishing houses shall be privileged, on written request, to purchase plates, reproduction proofs, master filmstrips, master slides, master audio tapes both narrative and musical by paying 10 % of the initial expense (5 % for publishing houses not self-supporting) in addition to the cost of masters, reproduction proofs, etc., as required for production.
2. The original publisher is to obtain from authors, composers, artists, musicians, or others, all releases, second rights, and other necessary permissions at the expense of the organization purchasing the rights.
3. Use shall be confined to the territory of the organization purchasing the rights.
4. If and when approval is secured for the reproduction of this material for promotion or evangelistic use the Review and Herald Publishing Association shall control the reproduction, distribution, and sale for these uses.

## PUBLISHING HOUSE ACCOUNTS:

We recommend, That the following be added as paragraph 5 to the policy on "Overdue Publishing House Accounts" which was adopted at the first meeting of the General Conference Committee in Cleveland, Ohio:

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That seller accepts as settlement of account copy of buyer's reconciliation of account accompanying remittance to cover the balance due, this to be received before the due date.

#### CHURCH ARCHITECTURE:

WHEREAS, We believe that God raised up the Advent Movement to preach a Bible-centered message, and that one of the chief reasons we call the membership to the church for worship is that they may hear the preaching of the Word of God; therefore,

We recommend, That our conferences and churches continue the long-established church architectural pattern of a central pulpit and a sanctuary well adapted to the preaching of the Word.

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Recommendations from the Committee on Distribution of Labor were adopted as follows:

#### DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR REPORT:

We recommend, 1. That the Columbia Union and Ohio Conferences be requested to release C. F. Everest, to connect with the Southern Union and Florida Conference to serve as chaplain of Hialeah Hospital.

2. That the Pacific Union and Central California Conferences be requested to release Miss Viola Preston, to connect with the General Conference for secretarial service in the Home Missionary Department.

3. That the Central Union and Porter Sanitarium and Hospital be requested to release Miss Genette Schneider, to connect with the North Pacific Union to serve in the Medical Records Department of the Portland Sanitarium and Hospital.

4. That the Southern Union and Florida Conferences be requested to release Mrs. Nellie Sterne, to connect with the North Pacific Union. to serve as Bible Instructor in the Washington Conference.

5. That Victor E. Duerksen, returned missionary, be invited to connect with the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conferences to serve as cashier at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium.

6. That the Southern Union and Florida Sanitarium and Hospital be requested to release Miss Violet Larson, to connect with the Pacific Union and Northern California Conferences, to serve as Bible Instructor at St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital.

7. That the North Pacific Union and Portland Sanitarium and Hospital be requested to release J. S. Irvine, to connect with the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conferences to serve as Assistant Treasurer of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium.



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8. That the Atlantic Union and New York Conferences be requested to release H. N. Bresee, to connect with the Columbia Union and West Pennsylvania Conferences to serve as district pastor; and

That the Columbia Union and West Pennsylvania Conferences be requested to release G. W. Valentine, to connect with the Atlantic Union and New York Conferences, to serve as pastor of the Auburn, New York, district.

9. That the Lake Union and Wisconsin Conferences be requested to release M. E. Foll, to connect with the Columbia Union and West Virginia Conferences to serve as pastor of the Parkersburg church and district.

10. That the Southern European Division and West Yugoslavian Conferences be requested to release Hinko Reth, to connect with the Columbia Union and Ohio Conferences to serve as pastor of the German and Yugoslavian churches in Cleveland, it being understood that Brother Reth is moving permanently to the USA on his own expense and this call does not involve any responsibility for leaves of absence. On this basis Elder Reth becomes a permanent worker in the USA and the North American Division is responsible for his sustentation.

11. That the Northern Union and South Dakota Conferences be requested to release E. M. Hagele, to connect with the Columbia Union and West Virginia Conferences to serve as secretary-treasurer of the West Virginia Conference; and

That the Columbia Union and West Virginia Conferences be requested to release M. L. Hale to connect with the Northern Union and South Dakota Conferences to serve as secretary-treasurer of the South Dakota Conference.

12. That the North Pacific Union and Upper Columbia Conferences be requested to release E. L. Jolliffe, to connect with the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conferences to serve as pastor of the North Park Church in San Diego.

13. That the College of Medical Evangelists be requested to release Miss Geneva Bowman, to connect with the Canadian Union and Ontario-Quebec Conferences to serve as Director of the School of Nursing at the North York Branson Hospital.

14. That the Southwestern Union and Texas Conferences be requested to release Richard Necker, to connect with the Lake Union and Indiana Conferences to serve as pastor in the Logansport district.

15. That the Atlantic Union and Greater New York Conferences be requested to release Angel De La Torre, to connect with the Pacific Union and Southern California Conferences; and

That the Pacific Union and Southern California Conference be requested to release Lucas Diaz, to connect with the Atlantic Union and Greater New York Conferences.

16. That the Columbia Union Conference be requested to release C. H. Kelly, to connect with the Atlantic Union Conference to serve as Union secretary-treasurer; and

That the Atlantic Union Conference be requested to release T. R. Gardner, to connect with the Columbia Union Conference to serve as Union secretary-treasurer.

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17. That the Columbia Union and the Chesapeake Conferences be requested to release Wilfred Robinson, to connect with the Atlantic Union and Greater New York Conference to serve as Assistant Treasurer of the Greater New York Conference.

18. That the Pacific Union and the Hawaiian Mission be requested to release E. L. Anderson, to connect with the Atlantic Union and the Southern New England Conference as pastor-evangelist in the New Bedford district.

19. That the Southwestern Union and the Arkansas-Louisiana Conferences be requested to release Eugene Armour, to connect with the Atlantic Union and Greater New York Conferences to serve as <sup>YPM and</sup> Educational Secretary of the Greater New York Conference.

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Recommendations from the Committee on Marriage Problems were adopted as follows:

**MARRIAGE PROBLEMS:**

WHEREAS, The divorce and remarriage of divorced persons among Seventh-day Adventists, the intermarriage of Seventh-day Adventists with non-Seventh-day Adventists, and the readmission to the church of persons disfellowshipped, have created problems; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That in forthcoming Union Conference workers' meetings there shall be on the agenda provision for instruction of the ministers in the policies of the denomination relating to these problems.

2. That we reaffirm the denominational policy as set forth in the Church Manual, pages 239-244, and the Manual for Ministers, as set forth on pages 97-101.

3. That great care be exercised by ministers in examining those who ask for baptism and who are unknown to the officiating minister. Carelessness in this respect has allowed persons to be rebaptized who were not properly qualified for this rite, and embarrassment, reproach, and confusion have been brought into some churches in this way.

4. That in the case of the failure of a minister to follow the recommendations and policies of the denomination in these matters, as set forth in the above-named Manuals, the employing organization give definite counsel to the minister as to his responsibility.

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The following recommendations from the Finance Committee were adopted:

(Please see following pages for Fixed Exchange Rates, 1959.)

FIXED EXCHANGE RATES  
1959

We recommend. The following fixed rate of exchange for 1959:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>1959 Fixed Rate in Local Currency</u>	<u>1959 Fixed Rate (U.S.\$)</u>
<u>Australian</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	Riel	70.00	.014285
Formosa	Taiwan \$	33.333	.03
Hong Kong	Hong Kong \$	5.80	.17241379
Indonesia	Rupiah	30.00	.0333
Japan	Yen	358.422	.00279
Korea (South)	Hwan	850.00	.00117647
Macao	Pataca	5.80	.17241379
Malaya	Singapore \$	3.00	.33 1/3
New Guinea	Guilder	3.7037	.27
Okinawa	Dollar	1.00	1.00
Philippine Islands	Peso	2.00	.50
Sarawak	Sarawak \$	3.00	.33 1/3
Thailand	Baht	20.00	.05
Viet Nam	Piaster	75.00	.01333
Laos	Kip	80.00	.0125
<u>Inter-American</u>			
Bahamas	Pound		2.80
Barbados	Dollar	1.6949	.59
British Guiana	Dollar	1.6949	.59
British Honduras	Dollar	1.42857	.70
Colombia	Peso	7.1429	.14
Costa Rica	Colon	6.45161	.155
Cuba	Peso	1.00	1.00
Curacao	Guilder	1.85185	.54
Dominican Republic	Peso	1.00	1.00
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

<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>1959 Fixed Rate in Local Currency</u>	<u>1959 Fixed Rate</u>
<u>Inter-American (concluded)</u>			
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
Salvador	Colon	2.50	.40
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 £		2.50
Iran	Rial	75.00	.0133333
Iraq	Dinar		2.80
Jordan	Pound		2.80
Libya	Pound		2.80
Lebanon	Lebanese £	3.1250	.32
Sudan	Sudan £		2.80
Syria	Syrian £	3.3333	.30
Turkey	Turkish £	9.00	.11111
<u>North American</u>			
Bermuda	English £		2.80
Canadian Union	Dollar	1.00	1.00
<u>Northern Europe</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>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	1959 <u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>in Local Currency</u>	1959 <u>Fixed Rate</u>
<u>South American</u>			
Argentina	Peso	45.00	.022222
Bolivia	Boliviano	8100.00	.00012345
Brazil	Cruzeiro	125.00	.008
Chile	Peso	750.00	.00133333
Ecuador	Sucre	16.00	.0625
Paraguay	Guarani	100.00	.01
Peru	Sol	20.00	.05
Uruguay	Peso	6.75	.14814
<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
Nepal	Rupee	7.14285	.14
Pakistan	Rupee	4.7619	.21
<u>Southern Europe</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	Israeli £	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

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## DISTRIBUTION OF MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING:

We recommend, That the General Conference portion, or 60 % of the Million Dollar Offering, less the Missions Advance and the Midsummer Offerings, be distributed as follows:

1. That \$300,000 be set aside for overseas divisions, and that this be distributed by the General Conference Officers, with power to act, with the understanding that the distribution be made over a two-year period.

2. That the General Conference Officers be empowered to distribute the balance, which at the present time amounts to \$304,983.66, it being understood that the distribution will be made over a two-year period.

## OFFERINGS PROGRAM:

VOTED, That the Offerings Program as studied at the 1958 Autumn Council be referred to the 1959 Autumn Council for further consideration, it being understood that the Officers will appoint a Committee to bring in a recommendation concerning the offerings for 1961, taking into consideration the recommendation as presented to the 1958 Autumn Council.

## SPECIAL DAYS AND OFFERINGS FOR 1960:

VOTED, To adopt the recommendation of the Plans Committee on Special Days and Offerings for 1960, as follows:

## JANUARY

Home Missionary Day (Lay Bible Evangelism)	January 2*
Church Missionary Offering	January 2
Religious Liberty Campaign	January 16-23*
Religious Liberty Day Offering	January 23

## FEBRUARY

Christian Home and Family Altar	February 6*
Christian Home Week	February 6-13
Church Missionary Offering	February 6
Television Offering	February 13
Temperance Commitment Day	February 27

## MARCH

Visitation Evangelism--Home Visitation Day	March 5*
Church Home Missionary Offering	March 5
Missions Advance Offering	March 12
Sabbath School Rally Day	March 12
Missionary Volunteer Day	March 19*
Missionary Volunteer Week	March 19-26

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## APRIL

Literature Evangelism	April 2*
Church Missionary Offering	April 2
<u>Signs of the Times, These Times</u>	April 1-30
<u>Message Magazine Campaign</u> (Special price to prevail during April and May)	

## MAY

Dorcas and Welfare Evangelism	May 7*
Church Home Missionary Offering	May 7
Servicemen's Literature Offering (alternated with Disaster and Famine Relief)	May 14
Spirit of Prophecy Day	May 21*
College of Medical Evangelists' Offering	May 28

## JUNE

Church Home Missionary Offering	June 4
North American Missions Offering and Offering for the Blind (Divide fifty-fifty.)	June 18*

## JULY

Medical Missionary Day and Church Medical Missionary Offering	July 2*
Midsummer Missions Service and Offering	July 9*

## AUGUST

Enlightening Dark Counties	August 6*
Church Home Missionary Offering	August 6
Educational Day and Elementary School Offering	August 13*
Oakwood College Offering	August 27

## SEPTEMBER

Literature Evangelist Rally Day	September 3*
Church Home Missionary Offering	September 3
Missions Extension Day and Offering	September 10*
JMV Pathfinder Day	September 17*

## OCTOBER

Neighborhood Evangelism	October 1*
Church Home Missionary Offering	October 1
Voice of Prophecy Offering	October 8
Sabbath School Visitors' Day	October 8
Review and Herald Campaign	October 15- November 12
Temperance Day Offering	October 29

## NOVEMBER

Witnessing Laymen (Consecration service)	November 5*
Church Home Missionary Offering	November 5
Week of Prayer	November 5-12
Week of Sacrifice Offering	November 12-19
Ingathering Campaign for 1961	Nov. 19; 1960- Jan. 7, 1961.

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## DECEMBER

Home Missionary Day  
Church Home Missionary Offering

December 3\*  
December 3

## THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERINGS

March 26  
June 25  
September 24  
December 24  
(Christmas Offering)

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\*Special programs provided

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

VOTED, To accept the report of the Nominating Committee, as follows:

Associate Religious Liberty Secretary--George B. Nelson  
Associate Auditor--E. R. Sanders  
Associate North American Regional Department Secretary--C. E. Moseley, Jr.

Membership on Board of Regents to fill vacancies this year: W. A. Howe,  
R. A. Nesmith, P. W. Christian

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

VOTED, To refer to the General Conference Committee any unfinished business of the Council.

## VOTE OF APPRECIATION:

VOTED, That we extend to the Takoma Park Church and its pastor, Elder L. R. Mansell; and Assistant Pastor, Elder V. D. Rees; and Elder J. A. Stevens; our sincere appreciation for the use of the church and its facilities during the Council, and for their personal help and interest at all times.

## ADJOURNMENT:

The President and the Chairman spoke in appreciation of the fine spirit manifested during the Council, and all joined in a rising vote of gratitude to God for His blessings.

After prayer by R. R. Figuhr, the Autumn Council adjourned, sine die, at 6:00 P.M.

W. E. Murray, Chairman  
E. W. Dunbar, Secretary  
Marjorie Marsh,  
Assistant Recording Secretary



## Thirty-First Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 30, 1958, 10:00 A.M.

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## PRESENT:

M. V. Campbell, F. R. Millard, R. H. Adair, Wesley Amundsen, V. G. Anderson, W. R. Beach, E. L. Becker, O. A. Blake, W. P. Bradley, J. A. Buckwalter, D. Lois Burnett, E. E. Cleveland, E. D. Dick, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, J. E. Edwards, H. T. Elliott, A. C. Fearing, R. R. Figuhr, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., J. O. Gibson, Richard Hammill, W. J. Harris, W. A. Higgins, G. A. Huse, H. W. Klaser, F. B. Knight, T. E. Lucas, G. M. Mathews, D. A. McAdams, L. L. Moffitt, F. A. Mote, W. E. Murray, F. D. Nichol, W. B. Ochs, A. V. Olson, C. E. Palmer, J. W. Peeke, C. E. Randolph, M.D., H. E. Rice, J. I. Robison, E. E. Roenfelt, H. L. Rudy, Walter Schubert, L. A. Skinner, F. A. Soper, E. W. Tarr, C. L. Torrey, E. R. Walde, Howard Weeks, A. L. White

## OTHERS PRESENT:

D. A. Delafield, Herbert Ford, N. W. Litchfield

The Chairman, M. V. Campbell, read the first eleven verses of Philippians 2, beginning as follows: "If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."

Prayer by F. D. Nichol.

MINUTES of the meeting held October 16, 1958 were approved.

A statement was made by R. R. Figuhr regarding plans for the location of the Potomac University at Berrien Springs, Michigan. The University Board has appointed a Building Committee, of which F. O. Rittenhouse is Chairman, with representation from the Lake Union and also from Washington, D.C., and a Committee on Organizational Relationships, with E. E. Cossentine as Chairman, with representation from the Washington, D.C., area as well as from the Lake Union. As plans for building proceed, it will be necessary for F. O. Rittenhouse to come to Washington, D.C., frequently, and for E. E. Cossentine to visit Emmanuel Missionary College.

## F. O. RITTENHOUSE--TRIPS TO WASHINGTON, D.C.:

VOTED, That authorization be given to F. O. Rittenhouse to make a trip to Washington, D.C., once a month, to spend approximately a week, as Chairman of the Building Committee of the Potomac University.

## E. E. COSENTINE--TRIPS TO BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICH.:

VOTED, That authorization be given to E. E. Cossentine to make trips as needed to Berrien Springs, Michigan, by approval of the Officers, to carry on his work as Chairman of the Committee on Organizational Relationships of the Potomac University.

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**E. D. DICK--PLANS FOR FUTURE:**

Inasmuch as E. D. Dick has asked for retirement in view of the fact that the Potomac University is moving to Emmanuel Missionary College, and F. O. Rittenhouse has been asked to assume the presidency of the University immediately; it was therefore,

VOTED, That the retirement date of E. D. Dick be November 1, 1958, and that the final settlement as regards allowances and financial arrangements be left with the General Conference Officers to be made along the general lines of previous similar cases.

**CLYDE O. FRANZ--TO SPANISH LITERATURE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED, That the name of Clyde O. Franz be included as a member of the Spanish Literature Committee.

**COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE WORK ON WEST COAST:**

VOTED, To reconstitute the Committee on Graduate Work on West Coast, the personnel to be as follows: W. B. Ochs, Chairman; G. T. Anderson, R. C. Baker, D. J. Bieber, R. R. Bietz, L. E. Biggs, W. J. Blacker, P. W. Christian, E. E. Cossentine, L. C. Evans, R. W. Fowler, J. F. Knipschild, A. C. Nelson, N. F. Pease, L. R. Rasmussen, K. J. Reynolds, J. T. Porter, F. W. Schnepfer, C. A. Scriven, and the General Conference Officers who will be in attendance at the CME Board meetings.

**FRANK BAER--NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS COMMITTEE:**

VOTED, That the name of Frank Baer be continued as a member of the North American Missions Committee.

**REHABILITATION APPROPRIATION--KOREA:**

VOTED, To authorize an appropriation of \$20,000 from the Rehabilitation Funds to the Far Eastern Division, for rebuilding of certain properties destroyed in the war in Korea.

**F. CHARPIOT--RESIGNATION:**

On recommendation of the Southern European Division, and in harmony with his request, it was

VOTED, To accept the resignation of F. Charpiot as Secretary of the Home Missionary Department of the Southern European Division.

**MINISTERIAL LICENSES--F. B. KNIGHT, C. D. FORSHEE:**

VOTED, To grant Ministerial Licenses to F. B. Knight, Assistant Treasurer, and C. D. Forshee, Cashier in the General Conference.

**COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL INTERNSHIPS--RECONSTITUTED:**

VOTED, To reconstitute the Committee on Medical Internships, the personnel to be as follows: H. L. Rudy, W. R. Beach, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., Jacob Janzen, M.D.,

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V. J. Johns, Jr., M.D., G. B. Nelson, C. E. Randolph, M.D., H. S. Nelson,  
H. E. Rice, W. E. Macpherson, M.D., Harold Ziprick, M.D.

MINISTERIAL TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE--SUBCOMMITTEE:

VOTED, To appoint a Subcommittee of the Ministerial Training Advisory Committee to consider various items referred concerning our ministerial courses and internships, the personnel of the Subcommittee to be as follows: H. L. Rudy, R. A. Anderson, E. E. Cossentine, A. C. Fearing, Richard Hammill, heads of the senior college Bible Departments in North America, the academic deans of Atlantic Union College, Union College, Washington Missionary College, and Walla Walla College; F. O. Rittenhouse, W. H. Beaven, C. E. Weniger, W. J. Cannon, and W. G. C. Murdoch.

JOYCE HOPP--TO NUTRITION COMMITTEE, UNESCO:

VOTED, To appoint Mrs. Joyce Hopp as our representative on the Nutrition Committee of the United Nations Educational Scientific Cultural Organization.

RIVER PLATE COLLEGE--ADVANCED TRAINING:

On recommendation of the South American Division, and with the concurrence of the Department of Education, it was

VOTED, To authorize the River Plate College in Argentina to advance their ministerial training to the sixteenth grade.

EDNA EDEBURN--GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

VOTED, To invite Miss Edna Edeburn, recently permanently returned from the South American Division, to connect with the General Conference for work in the Secretarial office.

C. E. RANDOLPH, M.D.--TO APPOINTEES' COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That C. E. Randolph, M.D., be appointed a member of the Appointees' Committee.

GRANTS FROM PUBLISHING REHABILITATION AND EXPANSION FUND:

On recommendation of the Publishing Rehabilitation and Expansion Committee, it was

VOTED, To authorize grants from the Publishing Rehabilitation and Expansion Fund, as follows: Indonesia Publishing House, \$11,500; East African Publishing House, \$9,000; Sentinel Publishing Company, \$12,500.

LEONA ALDERSON--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Miss Leona Alderson from the call to Saigon, Vietnam, as a church school teacher; since she does not see her way clear to accept. ✓

FLORENCE SACKETT--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

VOTED, That an extension of furlough of one and one-half months be authorized to Miss Florence Sackett, from the South American Division.

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## MERRILL ENRIGHT--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Merrill Enright from the call to Japan Missionary College inasmuch as circumstances in the field have changed since the call was placed.

## KERN H. PIHL, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Kern H. Pihl, M.D., from the South American Division, on his request, to take effect when his furlough is due in 1959, in harmony with the recommendation of the division.

## F. R. MILLARD--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of F. R. Millard from the Far Eastern Division, he having been called to serve as an Associate Secretary in the General Conference.

## F. A. MOTE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of F. A. Mote from the Far Eastern Division, he having been called to connect with the General Conference as a Field Secretary.

## W. E. MURRAY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of W. E. Murray from the South American Division, he having been called to serve as a Vice-President of the General Conference.

## C. E. RANDOLPH, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of C. E. Randolph, M.D., from the Far Eastern Division, to connect with the General Conference as an Associate Secretary in the Medical Department and Secretarial Office.

## M. V. CAMPBELL--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of M. V. Campbell from the Southern European Division, he having been called to serve as a Vice-President of the General Conference.

## R. C. ROSENQUIST, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of R. C. Rosenquist, M.D., from the Far Eastern Division, in harmony with the original arrangement that he spend one year in the field.

## L. N. JOHNSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of L. N. Johnson, a building constructor in the Southern African Division, in harmony with the recommendation of the division.

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## G. M. FILLMAN--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release G. M. Fillman from the call to Aruba, Netherlands Antilles, at his request, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

## A. C. CARLSON--ARUBA:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and Illinois Conferences to release A. C. Carlson, and to invite him to connect with the Inter-American Division as pastor-evangelist for Aruba.

## NAOMI CHAPMAN--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

VOTED, That an extension of furlough of approximately one and one-half months be authorized for Miss Naomi Chapman, from the British West Indies, so that her furlough would continue until January 31, 1959.

## MRS. PAULINE LONG--DATE PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To change the date of the permanent return of Mrs. Pauline Long, director of food services in Helderberg College, South Africa, to be effective December 31, 1959, rather than December 31, 1958 as previously voted.

## PATRICIA RABE--KANYE HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division a call for Miss Patricia Rabe, to connect with the Southern African Division as nurse for the Kanye Hospital.

## DAPHNE MOSS--MALAMULO HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division a call for Miss Daphne Moss, to connect with the Southern African Division as nurse for the Malamulo Hospital.

## LEONE RADLEY--YUKA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division a call for Miss Leone Radley, to connect with the Southern African Division as nurse for the Yuka Mission Hospital in Northern Rhodesia.

## ROBERT MCGHEE--IKIZU TRAINING SCHOOL:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and La Sierra College to release Robert McGhee, and to invite him to connect with the Southern African Division as principal for the Ikizu Training School.

## JOHN M. BAKER--CONGO OR ZAMBESI UNION:

VOTED, To request the Southwestern Union to release John M. Baker, and to invite him to connect with the Southern African Division as secretary-treasurer for the Congo or Zambesi Union.

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**L. C. FOLKES--BURMA:**

VOTED, To invite L. C. Folkles, of Portland, Oregon, to connect with the Southern Asia Division, to serve as a surgeon in the Rangoon Hospital.

**G. R. RIGSBY, M.D.--ETHIOPIA:**

VOTED, To invite G. R. Rigsby, M.D., of Washington, D.C., to connect with the Northern European Division, for service in the Addis Ababa Hospital, Ethiopia.

**H. L. HENRIKSEN--RELEASED:**

VOTED, To release H. L. Henriksen, of the Southern European Division, from the call to the Northern European Division, in view of his preference to remain in Southern Europe.

**BERTHA SHOLLENBERG--PERMANENT RETURN:**

VOTED, To rescind the action taken August 21, 1958 by the General Conference Committee, authorizing the permanent return of Miss Bertha Shollenberg from the Northern European Division.

**BERTHA SHOLLENBERG--TRANSFER OF ASSIGNMENT:**

VOTED, To authorize a transfer of assignment for Miss Bertha Shollenberg, of the Northern European Division, to connect with the Middle East Division, for service in the Baghdad Hospital.

**G. E. MAXSON--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:**

VOTED, To authorize an extension of furlough for G. E. Maxson, from the Inter-American Division, for one month, or until January 4, 1959.

**MISS MIRIAM BRUCE--PERMANENT RETURN:**

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Miriam Bruce from the Benghazi Hospital, in Libya, on recommendation of the Middle East Division.

**APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:**

VOTED, To authorize appointments and itineraries as follows:

- G. T. Anderson--Boulder, Colorado, dedication of Sanitarium, December 6, 7 (Sanitarium to pay travel expense);
- W. R. Beach--College of Medical Evangelists, Spring Week of Prayer on both campuses, February 20-March 4;
- W. P. Bradley--Kansas City, Central States Committee, January 14, 15; Nashville, Tennessee, Southern Publishing Association Board, January 19;
- D. Lois Burnett--Southern Missionary College, counsel re school of nursing, as may be arranged in November (en route back from Florida);
- E. E. Cleveland--Dallas, Texas, Workers' Meeting, December 16, 17; Houston, Texas, speaking appointments, December 19-21; Baton Rouge, Louisiana, speaking appointments, December 23-28;

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E. E. Cossentine--Massachusetts, attend College Board and inspect new Southern New England Academy site, November 20-23;

A. C. Fearing--Central Union, contact ministerial students and Lay Preachers' Institutes, etc., November 14-23 (adjustment of date); Minnesota Conference, evangelistic series and Ministerial Council, June 5-13 (in connection with camp meeting);

T. R. Flaiz, M.D., Carl Sundin--Menard, Texas, opening of new hospital, November 23 (Carl Sundin stop en route to West Coast; T. R. Flaiz, M.D., in connection with appointments in Miami);

T. R. Flaiz, M.D.--Minnesota Conference, Church-Minister appointments, and conference-wide Medical-Ministerial Fellowship, December 27, 28;

Mrs. Esther Hare--Miami, MV Advisory Committee, November 4-9 (in place of Don Yost);

W. B. Ochs--Nashville, Tennessee, South Central Committee and Workers' Meeting, January 14-16; Southern Publishing Association Board, January 19;

C. E. Randolph, M.D.--Michigan (including Detroit and Battle Creek); visit interns, residents and doctors in Michigan; ASI Convention, November 2-6;

L. R. Rasmussen--New England Conference, inspect site for new boarding academy, October 28, 29;

W. E. Read--Brookfield, Illinois, editorial business (Israelite), mid-November (two days);

H. E. Rice--Hawaii, study establishment of a new hospital, to be arranged (on return trip from Far East);

Walter Schubert--Chicago, Week of Prayer Spanish Church, November 20-December 2;

Clark Smith--Pacific Union (including Hawaii) and North Pacific Union, Medical Cadet work and appointments, December 26-February 7;

Carl Sundin--points in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, visit interns, as may be arranged (following Miami meeting);

R. S. Watts--Central Union, Workers' Meetings, Ministerial Institutes, etc., November 3-13 (adjustment of dates);

G. A. Huse--El Paso, Texas, Union Publishing Council, November 12-15;

F. L. Peterson--Indianapolis, Indiana, revival meetings, November 17-23;

G. T. ANDERSON--BOULDER, COLORADO: (extension of itinerary from Nov. 15.

VOTED, To pass on to the College of Medical Evangelists the request for G. T. Anderson to make a trip to Boulder, Colorado, for the dedication of the Sanitarium, on December 6 and 7.

HAROLD SHRYOCK, M.D.--LINCOLN, NEBRASKA:

VOTED, To pass on to the College of Medical Evangelists the request of the Central Union for Dr. Harold Shryock, to attend the Youth Congress in Lincoln, Nebraska, April 22-25, 1959.

LAWRENCE MAXWELL AND R. J. CHRISTIAN--MIAMI, FLORIDA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Review and Herald Publishing Association the request from the General Conference Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department that Lawrence Maxwell and R. J. Christian attend the MV Advisory Committee in Miami, Florida, November 4-9, 1958.

OVERSEAS VISITS:

VOTED, To authorize visits to overseas fields as follows:

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R. R. Figuhr--cancel trip to Israel while in the Middle East Division, and extend trip in the Middle East to include visit to Southern Asia, December 15-30, 1958;

G. M. Mathews--South American Division, December 15, 1958-March 15, 1959;

T. R. Flaiz, M.D.--Southern African Division, September 1-Dec. 1, 1959;

D. A. Delafield--Southern African Division, February 1-April 30, 1959;

Dr. G. T. Anderson, president of the College of Medical Evangelists--visits to medical institutions in the Far Eastern, Southern Asia, and Middle East Divisions, Ethiopia, and the European territory of the three European Divisions, in March, April, and May, 1959, according to the itinerary already worked out;

D. Lois Burnett--Inter-American Division, November 3-12, 1958, attending the Division Medical Council in Miami, Florida, November 3-5, and including a trip to Puerto Rico and Jamaica, in connection with trip to Medical Advisory Committee to be held in Miami, November 12-15; trip to Montemorelos, Mexico, from Texas, in connection with a previously authorized trip to the West Coast the early part of 1959;

E. E. Cleveland--Northern Europe, Ghana School of Evangelism, for three months early in the year 1959, as may be arranged by the field.

#### M. L. MILLS--VISIT TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION:

Information has been received that M. L. Mills is planning a trip on his personal expense to Europe the first three weeks of June, 1959, and has expressed his willingness to make a visit to the Southern African Division. It was

VOTED, To invite M. L. Mills, through the Atlantic Union and the Southern New England Conference, to visit the Southern African Division for approximately six weeks, with the understanding that the travel expenses from Europe to Africa and return be the responsibility of his field, according to the policy.

#### MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA--INGATHERING PROBLEM:

VOTED, To authorize the Treasury to share the expense of the costs according to the policy, in an Ingathering problem because of a city ordinance in Morgantown, West Virginia, for which the services of W. D. Donnelly are needed.

#### OHIO BLUE LAW CASES:

VOTED, To authorize the secretary of the Religious Liberty Department to consult with Attorney W. D. Donnelly regarding the Jurisdictional Statements of two Ohio attorneys submitted to the Supreme Court of the United States in an effort to have that Court's decision on Ohio Blue Law cases. These attorneys have requested us to be represented as amicus curiae. If upon determination of the merits of the case Mr. Donnelly deems it advisable to proceed, permission is hereby granted, and the Treasury is authorized to share the expense of the costs according to the policy.

Adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

M. V. Campbell, Chairman  
F. R. Millard, Secretary  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary