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One Hundred Fiftieth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 6, 1960, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

W. E. Murray, F. R. Millard, R. H. Adair, W. Melvin Adams, R. A. Anderson, V. G. Anderson, W. R. Beach, O. A. Blake, E. E. Cleveland, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, H. T. Elliott, T. S. Geraty, Richard Hammill, R. R. Hegstad, Mazie Herin, H. W. Klaser, H. W. Lowe, L. L. Moffitt, C. E. Moseley, Jr., F. A. Mote, A. V. Olson, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, E. E. Roenfelt, F. A. Soper, E. W. Tarr, C. L. Torrey, Owen A. Troy, Howard Weeks

OTHERS PRESENT:

C. D. Forshee, N. W. Litchfield, R. Ruhling, A. L. Tucker

W. E. Murray, Chairman, said that as we listen to the discussion in the United Nations, we hear them refer back to the wonderful charter, the Magna Carta--the Declaration of Human Rights, and to the Declaration of Independence, and to the proclamation of the ending of slavery by Abraham Lincoln. As Christians, we can look back to a great constitutional development in the kingdom. He directed our minds to this in the great gospel plan, as revealed in Isaiah 53, and read a number of verses from this chapter, in the revised edition. Our hearts can go out in joyfulness and thanksgiving to God for the coming of Jesus to this earth as our Redeemer, and that He made the sacrifice for our sins. Opening prayer by T. S. Geraty.

MINUTES of the meeting held September 29, 1960 were approved.

DIVISION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE U.S.A.
--REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES:

This denomination is recognized as having Consultant membership on the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.. A suggestion has been received that we send in an up-to-date list of our representatives on the various Area Committees of the Division of Foreign Missions. Upon the recommendation of the committee appointed to revise the list, and of the General Conference Officers, it was

VOTED, To assign the following persons to serve as our representatives on the Division of Foreign Missions Area Committees for the next triennium:

<u>Name of Committee</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Africa	E. W. Dunbar	C. W. Bozarth
China	F. R. Millard	R. H. Adair
Christian Medical Council	T. R. Flaiz, M.D.	C. L. Torrey
Japan	F. R. Millard	R. S. Watts
Korea	F. R. Millard	R. S. Watts
Co-operation in Latin America	N. W. Dunn	K. H. Emerson
Near East	E. E. Roenfelt	R. H. Adair
Philippines	F. R. Millard	O. A. Blake

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DIVISION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE U.S.A.
 --REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES (concluded):

Radio, Visual Education, and Mass Communication	E. R. Walde	
Rural Missions Co-operating Southeast Asia (Burma, Indonesia, Malaya, Thailand, Micronesia)	F. L. Peterson	
Southern Asia (India, Pakistan, Ceylon)	F. R. Millard	C. E. Randolph, M.D.
Treasurers	E. E. Roenfelt	T. R. Flaiz, M.D.
World Literacy and Christian Literature	O. A. Blake	W. E. Phillips
General representatives	E. E. Roenfelt	F. L. Peterson
	W. R. Beach	W. P. Bradley

F. D. NICHOL--DENVER, COLORADO:

VOTED, To pass on to the Review and Herald Publishing Association the request from the Central Union Conference for F. D. Nichol to go to Denver, Colorado, for speaking appointments in connection with the opening of the new church, October 15, 1960.

PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE--SAN FERNANDO VALLEY ACADEMY UPGRADED:

In harmony with the request of the Pacific Union Conference, and on recommendation of the General Conference Department of Education and the Officers, the San Fernando Valley Academy having complied with the requirements of the inspection committee, it was

VOTED, That the San Fernando Valley Academy be authorized to upgrade its work to full senior academy status, beginning with the 1960-1961 school year.

AUTUMN COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES:

VOTED, To adopt the suggested personnel of Standing Committees for the 1960 Autumn Council, as presented by the General Conference Officers, the names to be listed in the Autumn Council Agenda and submitted to the Council for acceptance.

JUNE WILSON--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To authorize a six-months' extension of furlough for June Wilson, on furlough from Helderberg College, South Africa, to enable her to take a course in midwifery in England; in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern African Division.

TEADIE HARRIS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Teadie Harris, a stenographer in the Congo Union Mission, effective in December, 1960, at her request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern African Division.

October 6, 1960

SERGIO AMPRIMO--WEST NEW GUINEA MISSION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division a call for Sergio Amprimo, a builder, to connect with the Far Eastern Division, for a short term of service in the West New Guinea Mission, requesting the Australasian Division to take the necessary steps in processing the appointment.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To authorize appointments and itineraries as follows:

W. Melvin Adams--Upper Columbia Conference, Workers' Meeting and promote Religious Liberty, November 15-23 (from Central Union Conference);

A. A. Esteb--Atlantic Union College, College Ingathering, October 6-13; Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Workers' Meetings at which Ingathering will be discussed, November 2-7;

Mrs. Joyce Hopp--College of Medical Evangelists, Medical Evangelistic Institute, October 28-30, in connection with other appointments);

C. E. Randolph, M.D.--Pacific and North Pacific Union Conferences, contact doctors, October 13-16 (four-day extension);

H. E. Rice--Connecticut, guest speaker, Association of Self-Supporting Institutions Meeting (Fuller Memorial Sanitarium), November 18-20; California, appraise Feather River Sanitarium and Hospital, date to be arranged;

J. V. Scully--Miami Beach, Florida, Canadian Union Temperance Secretaries' Council, October 16 (in connection with other appointments in Southern Union);

E. W. Tarr, H. B. Weeks--Union College, Public Relations Seminar as Instructors, October 26-November 2;

Maybelle Vandermark--South Dakota Conference, Federation Meetings, October 26-30 (from Lake Union Conference);

T. R. Flaiz, M.D.--released from attendance at Association of Self-Supporting Institutions Meeting, Denver, October 7-9; arrange for Carl Sundin to attend this meeting;

Harry House--Willowdale, Ontario, Workers' Meeting at North York Branson Hospital, October 12, 13;

F. L. Peterson--Pacific Union Conference, October 3-10 (extension of time).

Adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

W. E. Murray, Chairman

F. R. Millard, Secretary

Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

One Hundred Fifty-First Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 13, 1960, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

V. G. Anderson, F. R. Millard, R. H. Adair, E. L. Becker, O. A. Blake, F. G. Clifford, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, H. T. Elliott, W. Duncan Eva, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., J. O. Gibson, E. B. Hare, W. J. Harris, R. R. Hegstad, Mazie Herin, U. A. Higgins, G. A. Huse, H. W. Klaser, M. E. Loewen, Theodore Lucas, D. A. McAdams, L. L. Moffitt, F. A. Mote, W. E. Murray, J. R. Nelson, F. D. Nichol, A. V. Olson, C. E. Palmer, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, R. Reinhard, E. E. Roenfelt, Clark Smith, F. A. Soper, E. W. Tarr, C. L. Torrey, Owen A. Troy, Howard Weeks, A. L. White

OTHERS PRESENT:

R. Ruhling, A. L. Tucker, Don Yost

V. G. Anderson read a selection from the Scriptures on the glory and peace of the church, as given in Micah 4: 1-5.

Opening prayer by W. Duncan Eva.

MINUTES of the meeting held October 6, 1960, with one correction were approved.

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY EVANGELISTIC EXPENSE--APPROPRIATION:

On request of the Andrews University, it was

VOTED, To authorize an appropriation of \$6,000 from the General Conference Contingency Fund to assist in meeting the evangelistic expense of the Andrews University for the school term 1960-1961.

LOWELL TRIPP--GENERAL CONFERENCE INSURANCE OFFICE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union Conference and Washington Missionary College the call for Lowell Tripp, of the college mill, to connect with the General Conference for accounting work in the Insurance office.

ELLIS R. MAAS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Ellis R. Maas from the South American Division, on his request for family reasons, he having spent more than twenty years in that field; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Division.

D. D. HOLTZ--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of D. D. Holtz, after two terms of service in Brazil, South America, on his request, for educational reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the South American Division.

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GLORIA MACKSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Gloria Mackson, from Tanganyika Territory, East Africa, on her request, because of her concern for her aged parents, effective in December, 1961; in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern African Division.

CLARENCE M. DONALDSON, M.D.--PUERTO RICO:

VOTED, To invite Clarence M. Donaldson, M.D., of Santa Ana, California, to connect with the Inter-American Division, as an internist in the Bella Vista Hospital, in Puerto Rico.

WILLIAM E. COUNTER--GIMBLE, ETHIOPIA:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conferences to release William E. Counter, and to invite him to connect with the Northern European Division as headmaster for the Gimble School, in Ethiopia.

J. N. MCKINSTRY--TAIWAN:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union Conference to release J. N. McKinstry, of the Home Health Education Service in San Jose, California, and to invite him to connect with the Far Eastern Division for service in the South China Island Union Mission, with the understanding that after a preparatory period of language study in Taiwan he would be available for treasury work in the union.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To authorize appointments and itineraries as follows:

J. E. Chase--St. Louis, Missouri, Radio Meeting, October 21, 22 (en route from Pacific Union Conference);

E. E. Cleveland--New Orleans, Louisiana, Revival Meetings and speaking appointments, Southwest Region Conference, December 26-January 13; Buffalo, New York, speaking appointments, February 17-19;

W. J. Harris--Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Sabbath School Institutes and Vacation Bible School Workshops, March 3-12;

Mazie Herin--Madison College, visit School of Nursing, November 6; St. Louis, Missouri, National League for Nursing Education, November 9-11; Lincoln, Denver, College Place, Portland, St. Helena, Southern California, Hinsdale, visit Schools of Nursing, November 12-December 18; New England Sanitarium and Hospital, visit College and School of Nursing, January 8-13;

C. E. Moseley, Jr.--Southeastern and Northern California Conferences, Revival Meetings, January 15-February 28;

J. V. Scully--Denver, Colorado, Temperance Secretaries' Council, November 6 (en route to West Coast);

F. A. Soper--Chicago, National Safety Congress and church appointments, October 19-22; Texas, Editorial appointments, November 14-20; New Mexico and Arizona, Editorial appointments, November 21-26; Southern California, Editorial appointments, November 27-December 4; Mountain View and Northern California, visit Pacific Press, and Editorial appointments, December 5-20;

H. B. Weeks, E. W. Tarr--Chicago, Illinois, National Council of the Public Relations Society of America, November 3-5 (stopover en route from Lincoln, Nebraska);

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K. H. Emmerson, H. W. Klaser--Toronto, Canada, Stewardship and Benevolence Promotion Workshop, December 13-15.

VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

VOTED, To authorize visits to overseas fields as follows:

Richard Hammill--Inter-America, April 15-June 15, 1961;

W. A. Higgins--Inter-America, January 1-February 28, 1962;

G. R. Nash--dates of visit to Southern Europe changed from December 16, 17 to December 20-23;

C. L. Torrey--O. A. Blake--to Europe (banking business), one month, Summer of 1961 as arranged;

G. E. Vandeman--Central Europe, June 1-July 10, 1961.

E. B. RUDGE--DEATH OF;

CONDOLENCE TO FAMILY; APPRECIATION:

A cable announced the death of E. B. Rudge, in Australia, on October 13, 1960. Brother Rudge has carried heavy responsibilities in Australia, and also in the Northern European Division. For some years he served as President of the Australasian Division. His last position was as Secretary and Ministerial Association Secretary for the Northern European Division. In 1956 he returned to Australia.

VOTED, To request the Secretary to send a message of condolence to the family of E. B. Rudge; also that we record our appreciation for the long years of faithful service given by Brother Rudge.

Adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

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

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GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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One Hundred Fifty-Second Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 20, 1960, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

R. R. Figuhr, F. R. Millard, W. Melvin Adams, Jr., J. J. Aitken, R. A. Anderson, V. G. Anderson, W. R. Beach, E. L. Becker, O. A. Blake, H. P. Bloum, L. F. Bohner, C. W. Bozarth, W. P. Bradley, M. V. Campbell, E. E. Cleveland, F. G. Clifford, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, J. E. Edwards, H. T. Elliott, K. H. Emmerson, W. Duncan Eva, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., C. O. Franz, Karl Fleck, M. Fridlin, A. E. Gibb, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, E. B. Hare, W. J. Harris, R. H. Hartwell, Mazie Herin, W. A. Higgins, G. A. Huse, D. S. Johnson, E. J. Johanson, Alf Karlman, M. E. Kemmerer, H. W. Klaser, M. E. Loewen, H. W. Lowe, O. O. Mattison, D. A. McAdams, L. L. Moffitt, F. A. Mote, W. Mueller, W. E. Murray, L. C. Naden, G. R. Nash, J. R. Nelson, F. D. Nichol, W. B. Ochs, A. V. Olson, L. H. Olson, R. E. Osborn, W. L. Pascoe, J. W. Peeke, F. L. Peterson, R. H. Pierson, R. J. Radcliffe, C. E. Randolph, M.D., R. M. Reinhard, E. E. Roenfelt, A. H. Roth, W. A. Scharffenberg, L. A. Skinner, C. P. Sorensen, A. F. Tarr, E. W. Tarr, C. L. Torrey, O. A. Troy, R. S. Watts, Howard Weeks, A. L. White, R. A. Wilcox, W. A. Wild

OTHERS PRESENT:

D. A. Delafield, C. D. Forshee, N. W. Litchfield, R. Ruhling, M. R. Thurber

The meeting was called to order by R. R. Figuhr, Chairman, immediately following the General Conference Home and Overseas Officers meeting which opened at 9 A.M.

Opening prayer by G. D. King.

MINUTES of the meeting held October 13, 1960 were approved.

MELVIN N. HEMPEL--COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS:

VOTED, To pass on to Melvin N. Hempel, permanently returned from the Far Eastern Division, the call from the College of Medical Evangelists for him to serve as cashier in the Loma Linda Sanitarium Business Office.

JUNE SOPER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss June Soper from the Middle East College, Beirut, Lebanon, for educational and personal reasons, on recommendation of the Middle East Division.

MARGARET MESSER--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Miss Margaret Messer from appointment to the Bandung Mission Hospital, in Indonesia, since she does not feel qualified to accept the call.

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WERNER VHYMEISTER--WITHDRAWAL OF CALL:

In view of existing conditions, it was

VOTED, To counsel the Inter-American Division to withdraw the call for Werner Vhymeister, of the South American Division, to connect with the Antillian College, in Cuba.

RITA FERN PARSONS--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

Inasmuch as Miss Rita Fern Parsons has bound herself by contract to continue her work at Lakeland, Florida, for twelve months, it was

VOTED, To rescind the action appointing Miss Rita Fern Parsons to nursing service in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and to place her under deferred appointment to the Northern European Division.

E. A. BROOKS, M.D.--TRANSFER TO ETHIOPIA:

VOTED, To request the Far Eastern Division to release E. A. Brooks, M.D., now on furlough from Saigon, Vietnam, to connect with the Northern European Division for service in Dessie, Ethiopia.

AGNES COMM--KARACHI, WEST PAKISTAN:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Northern California Conferences to release Miss Agnes Comm, and to invite her to connect with the Southern Asia Division as teacher for Karachi, West Pakistan.

KENNETH HARDING--IRAN:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union and Georgia-Cumberland Conferences to release Kenneth Harding, and to invite him to connect with the Middle East Division, as president of the Iran Mission.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To authorize appointments and itineraries as follows:

R. A. Anderson, V. G. Anderson, W. R. Beach, O. A. Blake, W. P. Bradley, E. E. Cossentine, R. R. Figuhr, Richard Hammill, C. L. Torrey,--Lansing, Michigan, Emmanuel Missionary College Constituency, November 1, 2;

D. A. Delafield--Hutchinson, Minnesota, Spirit of Prophecy studies, December 14-17; Orlando, Florida, Workers' Meeting, January 2-5; Brookfield District, Illinois, Spirit of Prophecy studies, week end in January, 1961;

R. R. Hegstad--Montreal, Quebec, Elementary Teachers' Convention (joint meeting of Atlantic and Canadian Union Conferences), November 4-6; Ottawa, Religious Liberty promotion and magazine contacts, November 7-11;

M. E. Loewen--Northern Union Conference, Workers' Meetings in Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota, November 12-17;

T. E. Lucas--Hagerstown, Maryland, week-end meeting Pathfinders of Sligo Church at Mount Aetna, October 15; Southern New England Conference, "Spotlight on the Bible" program (legal matter), October 18 (in connection with trip to New York City, October 19); Walla Walla College and Portland, Oregon, MV Rallies and MV Secretaries' Council, November 1-9; Pacific Union Conference, MV Secretaries' Council, Youth Rallies, school appointments, November 9-19;

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F. L. Marsh or R. M. Ritland--Denver, Geological Society, November;
New York, American Association for Advancement of Science, December;

D. A. McAdams (in place of G. A. Huse)--near Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania,
Columbia Union Publishing Council, November 2-5; ^{also} Atlanta, Georgia, Southern
Union Colporteur Institute, December 27-31; Pacific Union Colporteur Institutes,
March 3-April 3, 1961;

J. W. Peeke--New York City, American Management Association Insurance
Seminar, December 18-21;

R. J. Radcliffe--Glendale, California, Treasurers' Workshop, November 29-
December 1;

J. V. Scully--New Market, Virginia, speaking appointment, Shenandoah Valley
Academy, week end of March 4;

L. A. Skinner--Miami, Florida, Union Missionary Volunteer Council, November
6, 7;

Clark Smith--Lincoln, Nebraska, Union MV Secretaries' Council, November
7-9; Minneapolis, Minnesota, Union MV Secretaries' Council, November 10, 11;

Howard B. Weeks--New York City, Departmental Secretaries' Council for
Atlantic Union Conference, November 9.

VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

VOTED, To authorize T. R. Flaiz, M.D., to visit the Southern Asia
Division November 10, 1960 to mid-January, 1961, instead of December 15, 1960
to February 15, 1961, as previously voted.

Adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

R. R. Figuhr, Chairman
F. R. Millard, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

AUTUMN COUNCIL

Takoma Park, Md., October 25-November 1, 1960

One Hundred Fifty-Third Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 25, 1960, 9:00 A.M.

The first meeting of the 1960 Autumn Council convened in the Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, October 25, 1960, at 9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wesley Amundsen,

R. R. Figuhr, W. R. Beach, R. H. Adair, W. Melvin Adams, Jr., J. J. Aitken, G. T. Anderson, R. A. Anderson, V. G. Anderson, Geo. J. Appel, E. L. Becker, R. R. Bietz, O. A. Blake, H. P. Bloum, L. F. Bohner, C. W. Bozarth, W. P. Bradley, F. Brennwald, M. V. Campbell, T. Carcich, J. E. Chase, E. E. Cleveland, F. G. Clifford, E. E. Cossentine, C. G. Cross, E. D. Dick, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, J. E. Edwards, H. T. Elliott, Kenneth H. Emmerson, A. A. Esteb, W. Duncan Eva, L. C. Evans, W. A. Fagal, A. C. Fearing, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., Karl Fleck, C. O. Franz, M. Fridlin, L. E. Froom, T. S. Geraty, A. E. Gibb, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, W. J. Hackett, A. L. Ham, C. H. Hamel, Richard Hammill, E. D. Hanson, E. B. Hare, W. J. Harris, R. H. Hartwell, R. R. Hegstad, Mazie Herin, W. A. Higgins, G. A. Huse, I. H. Thrig, E. J. Johanson, Duane S. Johnson, Alf Karlman, M. E. Kemmerer, G. D. King, H. W. Klaser, B. J. Kohler, L. E. Lenheim, M. E. Loewen, H. W. Lowe, Theodore Lucas

G. M. Mathews, O. O. Mattison, D. A. McAdams, F. R. Millard, G. J. Millet, L. L. Moffitt, C. E. Moseley, Jr., F. A. Mote, W. Mueller, W. E. Murray, L. C. Naden, C. J. Nagele, G. R. Nash, Walter A. Nelson, F. D. Nichol, R. H. Nightingale, W. B. Ochs, A. V. Olson, L. H. Olson, Wayne E. Olson, R. E. Osborn, T. L. Oswald, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, E. W. Pedersen, J. W. Peeke, G. E. Peters, F. L. Peterson, W. E. Phillips, R. H. Pierson, R. J. Radcliffe, C. E. Randolph, M.D., D. R. Rees, R. M. Reinhard, H. E. Rice, H. M. S. Richards, F. O. Rittenhouse, J. I. Robison, E. E. Roenfelt, A. H. Roth, W. A. Scharffenberg, C. A. Scriven, J. V. Scully, L. A. Skinner, Clark Smith, Jere D. Smith, F. A. Soper, C. P. Sorensen, Carl Sundin, M. C. Taft, A. F. Tarr, E. W. Tarr, W. H. Teesdale, C. L. Torrey, O. A. Troy, E. R. Walde, R. S. Watts, H. B. Weeks, A. L. White, R. A. Wilcox, W. A. Wild, I. J. Woodman

BY INVITATION:

G. O. Adams, R. C. Baker, Carl Becker, K. C. Beem, D. J. Bieber, W. J. Blacker, F. L. Bland, L. L. Bock, J. W. Bothe, Roy E. Brooks, L. D. Browne, G. O. Bruce, C. M. Bunker, A. B. Butler, D. C. Butherus, H. J. Capman, W. L. Cheatham, P. W. Christian, M. E. Dawson, D. A. Delafield, W. A. Dessain, J. L. Dittberner, N. L. Doss, N. R. Dower, M. K. Eckenroth, I. M. Evans, R. E. Finney, Jr., W. W. Fordham, C. D. Forshee, R. W. Fowler, T. R. Gardner, O. T. Garner, A. J. Gordon, E. L. Green, C. B. Hardin, H. D. Henriksen, C. W. Higgins, C. B. Hirsch, K. J.

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BY INVITATION (concluded):

Holland, M. D. Howard, D. W. Hunter, H. Reese Jenkins, K. D. Johnson, G. Eric Jones, R. S. Joyce, C. H. Kelly, H. W. Kibble, Arthur Kiesz, H. C. Klement, J. C. Kozel, A. C. Larson, C. H. Lauda, B. E. Leach, W. S. Lee, N. W. Litchfield, E. L. Marley, B. W. Mattison, A. S. Maxwell, A. C. McKee, A. E. Millner, Merle L. Mills, R. W. Moore, Philip Moores, H. E. Morenings, T. C. Murdoch, W. L. Murrill, G. B. Nelson, H. S. Nelson, William A. Nelson, L. H. Netteburg, E. R. Osmunson, A. J. Patzer, E. M. Peterson, D. C. Premier, B. M. Preston, H. V. Reed, C. N. Rees, E. J. Remboldt, Eric Ristau, V. L. Roberts, R. P. Rowe, H. L. Rudy, G. H. Rustad, Cree Sandefur, F. O. Sanders, B. L. Schlotthauer, H. H. Schmidt, H. E. Schneider, I. E. Schultz, H. A. Shepard, H. D. Singleton, G. E. Taylor, M. R. Thurber, D. E. Tinkler, T. R. Torkelson, A. L. Tucker, T. E. Unruh, D. E. Venden, J. H. Wagner, Sr., H. Werner, F. W. Wernick, G. C. Williamson, N. C. Wilson, Don Yost, A. L. Zumwalt

OTHERS PRESENT:

P. G. Biy, L. W. Crooker, V. D. Dortch, Nellie Ferree, Ithiel E. Gillis, G. E. Hutches, H. T. Johnson, R. S. Newbold, Rosemary Richards, L. G. Scales, R. L. Stretter

"How Sweet are the Tidings," No. 669 in the Church Hymnal, was sung to open the meeting.

W. E. Murray offered the opening prayer. He prayed that those present may be built up spiritually, that the actions taken by the Council may be blessed by heaven, and remembered especially our workers and members in distant lands.

A solo was sung by L. C. Naden, secretary of the Australasian Division, the chorus reading as follows:

"Home, Home, heavenly Home,
Fair are my dreams of thee;
The nearer I reach the end of time,
The sweeter thou art to me."

The Chairman, R. R. Figuhr, read Matthew 13: 53-57 as the text for his devotional study. He said it is so helpful to look at the earthly experience of Jesus. He came to this world, He assumed humanity, and He demonstrated here what God can do through humanity. He impressed His town folks, the fellow-villagers where He lived. They noted two things about Him especially at this time: He was wise, and He had power to do mighty works. We do not need to remind ourselves that these are essentials if we are to succeed as leaders in the work of God. We must somehow gain wisdom, exercise wisdom, and we must have power to do mighty works. These two qualities insure success.

"Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?" No one can adequately define wisdom, I am sure, but we can take a look at it. Somebody has said that the power of judging rightly and following the soundest course of action based on knowledge, experience, and understanding--that is wisdom.

Sister White wrote to an individual, who in the record is denominated as Brother A, thus: "Brother A does not manifest good judgment upon all occasions and in all matters." We should on all occasions, in all matters, and at all times

manifest good judgment. We should act upon the information we have gathered, the experience we have acquired, seasoned with the understanding that is ours. Sometimes wisdom is expounded with venom, the sting of a serpent. The Lord says, Keep the venom out! Keep the sting away! And speak wisely and with the spirit of humility in the forwarding of the work.

God calls men and women today to submit themselves to the infusion of divine power, that the great work the Master Himself began might be carried to completion--power as demonstrated by the apostles and through those early believers back there, passed on to others down through the ages, and to our early believers.

We are more fortunate in many ways than were they. We have a marvelous organization that covers the earth. We have an organization ensuring support; we have a system that brings to our ranks men who have had education and learning, and they come in and add to that experience and go forth and do a greater work than even their predecessors. With all of this we have more problems. We have more perplexities. We meet more crises. We need wisdom today--wisdom that is from above. We need the power that God stands ready to give us. The path of men chosen as leaders is not an easy one. But they are to see in every difficulty a call to prayer. We must be men with heavenly wisdom, clothed with divine power, if we are going to successfully lead our people.

At the close of the devotional talk, W. R. Beach spoke of the veterans in this area whom we have tried to contact and invite to attend this Council. He invited those in attendance to contact the leaders. He included also those who have come in from a distance. He said, We want you to feel that you are a part of this great Movement, with those in attendance at this Council. He also invited the wives of delegates to sit with their husbands who are in special sections of the Auditorium reserved for the delegates.

"The Church has One Foundation," was sung.

The following led in a season of prayer at the close of the meeting: G. D. King, V. G. Anderson, R. R. Bietz, W. J. Hackett, and M. V. Campbell. They prayed that our vision might be enlarged, that we might live as in the presence of God, for wisdom from heaven, and efficiency in the work; also that we might be willing to follow the guidance of the Lord, and for every activity of the church throughout the world-wide field.

The meeting closed at 10:10 A.M.

At 10:25 A.M. the first business session of the Autumn Council was called to order by the Chairman, R. R. Figuhr.

Prayer was offered by H. M. S. Richards.

R. R. Figuhr expressed gratefulness that we can meet under favorable conditions; also that all have come together without any accident or untoward happening. He spoke of the fact we have representatives from all of our overseas divisions with the exception of the USSR and China, and that the North American Division union treasurers and local conference presidents are with us, as well as

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a number of others. He said that we wish it were possible for every area of the world to be represented, but we have come into difficult times. We must remember those from whom we are cut off, in our prayers. The times are ominous, and there are indications that we are moving toward the end of all things.

PROGRAM BOOKLETS:

The booklets containing the program, Standing Committees, and Agenda items were distributed.

ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL--PARTICIPATION:

W. R. Beach, Secretary, referred to the action of the 1960 Spring Meeting which authorized the local conference and mission presidents and union conference secretary-treasurers in the North American Division to attend this Autumn Council; also two editors, A. S. Maxwell and K. J. Holland. He also stated that the Officers were empowered to name and invite five college presidents, five hospital administrators, and up to eight others to attend.

He then read the lists of those invited as follows: College Presidents: D. J. Bieber, P. W. Christian, R. W. Fowler, C. B. Hirsch, and C. N. Rees; Hospital Administrators: C. B. Hardin, A. C. Larson, G. B. Nelson, H. S. Nelson, E. J. Remboldt; Union Departmental Workers: D. E. Dirksen, W. A. Howe, E. M. Peterson, B. M. Preston, Eric Ristau; from Publishing Houses: M. E. Dawson, C. W. Higgins, and R. P. Rowe.

Elder Beach said that members of the General Conference Committee who are on furlough from overseas were invited, and also the following who were recommended by their Divisions: T. C. Murdoch, G. O. Bruce, D. C. Premier, Roy E. Brooks, N. L. Doss, L. D. Browne, I. E. Schultz, T. R. Torkelson, and W. L. Murrill.

VOTED, That the above-mentioned workers who have received special invitations be invited to participate in the discussions and to vote as regular attendants at the Council.

AGENDA ITEMS:

The program booklet was then referred to, and Agenda items were assigned to various Standing Committees of the Autumn Council.

DAILY PROGRAM:

VOTED, To adopt the following Daily Program for the Autumn Council:

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

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STANDING COMMITTEES:

Standing Committees for the Autumn Council were appointed as follows:

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO STANDING COMMITTEES

Campbell, M. V., Chairman

Dunn, N. W.

Peterson, F. L.

AUDITING

Figuhr, R. R., Chairman

Phillips, W. E., Secretary

Adair, R. H.	Cambell, M. V.	Leach, B. E.	Pierson, R. H.
Anderson, V. G.	Carcich, T.	Lenheim, L. E.	Rees, C. N.
Beach, W. R.	Clifford, F. G.	Mattison, O. O.	Rees, D. R.
Becker, E. L.	Dunbar, E. W.	Millard, F. R.	Roenfelt, E. E.
Bietz, R. R.	Dunn, N. W.	Mote, F. A.	Roth, A. H.
Blake, O. A.	Emmerson, K. H.	Murray, W. E.	Schmidt, H. H.
Bothe, J. W.	Evans, L. C.	Nelson, Walter A.	Scriven, C. A.
Bozarth, C. W.	Hackett, W. J.	Nightingale, R. H.	Singleton, H. D.
Bradley, W. P.	Joyce, R. S.	Ochs, W. B.	Smith, J. D.
Bunker, C. M.	Kibble, H. W.	Palmer, C. E.	Sorensen, C. P.
Butler, A. B.	Larson, A. C.	Peterson, F. L.	Torrey, C. L.
		Watts, R. S.	

BUDGET

Torrey, C. L., Chairman

Blake, O. A., Secretary

Adair, R. H.	Dick, E. D.	Joyce, R. S.	Olson, A. V.
Anderson, V. G.	Dunbar, E. W.	Klement, H. C.	Peterson, F. L.
Beach, W. R.	Dunn, N. W.	Lenheim, L. E.	Phillips, W. E.
Bieber, D. J.	Emmerson, K. H.	Maxwell, A. S.	Rees, D. R.
Bietz, R. R.	Evans, L. C.	Millard, F. R.	Roenfelt, E. E.
Bozarth, C. W.	Figuhr, R. R.	Mills, M. L.	Schmidt, H. H.
Bradley, W. P.	Hackett, W. J.	Murray, W. E.	Schneider, H. E.
Bunker, C. M.	Higgins, C. W.	Nelson, H. S.	Scriven, C. A.
Campbell, M. V.	Holland, K. J.	Nelson, Walter A.	Shepard, H. A.
Carcich, T.	Howard, M. D.	Nightingale, R. H.	Smith, J. D.
Dessain, W. A.	Hunter, D. W.	Ochs, W. B.	Unruh, T. E.
		Venden, D. E.	

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

Klaser, H. W., Chairman

Adams, W. M.	Cleveland, E. E.	Harris, W. J.	Scully, J. V.
Brennwald, F.	Esteb, A. A.	Hegstad, R. R.	Smith, Clark
Chase, J. E.	Geraty, T. S.	McAdams, D. A.	

STANDING COMMITTEES (continued):

FINANCE

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

Adams, G. O.	Dunbar, E. W.	Klaser, H. W.	Peeke, J. W.
Aitken, J. J.	Dunn, N. W.	Kohler, B. J.	Peterson, F. L.
Anderson, V. G.	Eckenroth, M. K.	Kozel, J. C.	Phillips, W. E.
Appel, G. J.	Edwards, J. E.	Larson, A. C.	Pierson, R. H.
Beach, W. R.	Elliott, H. T.	Lenheim, L. E.	Radcliffe, R. J.
Becker, E. L.	Emmerson, K. H.	Marley, E. L.	Rees, D. R.
Beem, K. C.	Evans, L. C.	Mattison, B. W.	Reinhard, R. M.
Bietz, R. R.	Figuhr, R. R.	Mattison, O. O.	Roenfelt, E. E.
Blacker, W. J.	Fleck, Karl	McKee, A. C.	Roth, A. H.
Blake, O. A.	Fowler, R. W.	Millard, F. R.	Rowe, R. P.
Bland, F. L.	Fridlin, M.	Moore, R. W.	Rudy, H. L.
Bloum, H. P.	Gordon, A. J.	Morenings, H. E.	Rustad, G. H.
Bohner, L. F.	Hackett, W. J.	Mote, F. A.	Sandefur, Cree
Bozarth, C. W.	Ham, A. L.	Mueller, W.	Sanders, F. O.
Bradley, W. P.	Hamel, C. H.	Murray, W. E.	Scriven, C. A.
Brenwald, F.	Henriksen, H. D.	Murrill, W. I.	Shull, J. C.
Bruce, G. O.	Hirsch, C. B.	Nagele, C. J.	Smith, J. D.
Butherus, D. C.	Huse, G. A.	Nash, G. R.	Sorensen, C. P.
Butler, A. B.	Ihrig, I. H.	Nelson, G. B.	Tarr, A. F.
Campbell, M. V.	Johanson, E. J.	Nelson, Walter A.	Teesdale, W. H.
Carcich, T.	Johnson, K. D.	Nightingale, R. H.	Tinkler, D. E.
Cheatham, W. L.	Jones, G. Eric	Ochs, W. B.	Wagner, J. H.
Clifford, F. G.	Karlman, Alf	Osborn, R. E.	Watts, R. S.
Cossentine, E. E.	Kelly, C. H.	Palmer, C. E.	Wilcox, R. A.
Cross, C. G.	Kemmerer, M. E.	Pascoe, W. L.	Williamson, G. C.
Duffield, D. C.	Kibble, H. W.		Wilson, N. C.

GUIDING

Figuhr, R. R., Chairman
Anderson, V. G., Vice-Chairman
Dunbar, E. W., Secretary

Beach, W. R.	Murray, W. E.
Blake, O. A.	Ochs, W. B.
Bradley, W. P.	Torrey, C. L.
Campbell, M. V.	

MUSIC

Watts, R. S., Chairman
Lauda, C. H. Venden, D. E.

STANDING COMMITTEES (continued):

NOMINATING

Figuhr, R. R., Chairman
Beach, W. R., Secretary

Anderson, V. G.	Clifford, F. G.	Mueller, W.	Scriven, C. A.
Becker, Carl	Dower, N. R.	Murray, W. E.	Singleton, H. D.
Bietz, R. R.	Fridlin, M.	Nelson, Walter A.	Tarr, A. F.
Campbell, M. V.	Leiske, L. J.	Ochs, W. B.	Torrey, C. L.
Garcich, T.	Mattison, O. O.	Rees, D. R.	

PLANS

Murray, W. E., Chairman
Millard, F. R., Secretary

Adair, R. H.	Evans, L. C.	Lenheim, L. E.	Rees, C. N.
Adams, W. M.	Fagal, W. A.	Loewen, M. E.	Rees, D. R.
Aitken, J. J.	Fearing, A. C.	Lowe, H. W.	Remboldt, E. J.
Amundsen, Wesley	Figuhr, R. R.	Lucas, Theodore	Rice, H. E.
Anderson, G. T.	Finney, R. E.	Mathews, G. M.	Richards, H.M.S.
Anderson, R. A.	Flaiz, T. R.	Mattison, O. O.	Richards, Rose- mary
Anderson, V. G.	Fordham, W. W.	McAdams, D. A.	Ristau, Eric
Baker, R. C.	Franz, C. O.	McClure, H. E.	Rittenhouse, F.O.
Beach, W. R.	Fridlin, M.	Millet, G. J.	Roberts, V. L.
Becker, Carl	Froom, L. E.	Millner, A. E.	Robison, J. I.
Bietz, R. R.	Gardner, T. R.	Moffitt, L. L.	Roenfelt, E. E.
Blake, O. A.	Garner, O. T.	Moores, Philip	Roth, A. H.
Bock, L. L.	Geraty, T. S.	Moseley, C. E.	Scharffenberg, W. A.
Bothe, J. W.	Gibb, A. E.	Mueller, W.	Schlotthauer, B. L.
Bozarth, C. W.	Gibson, J. O.	Murdoch, T. C.	Scriven, C. A.
Bradley, W. P.	Green, E. L.	Naden, L. C.	Scully, J. V.
Brooks, R. E.	Guenther, C. E.	Nelson, J. R.	Singleton, H. D.
Browne, L. D.	Hackett, W. J.	Nelson, Walter A.	Skinner, L. A.
Campbell, M. V.	Halladay, H. K.	Nelson, William A.	Smith, Clark
Capman, H. J.	Hammill, Richard	Netteburg, L. H.	Smith, J. D.
Garcich, T.	Hanson, E. D.	Nichol, F. D.	Soper, F. A.
Chase, J. E.	Hardin, C. B.	Nightingale, R. H.	Sorensen, C. P.
Christian, P. W.	Hare, E. B.	Ochs, W. B.	Sundin, Carl
Cleveland, E. E.	Harris, W. J.	Olson, L. H.	Taft, M. C.
Clifford, F. G.	Hartwell, R. H.	Olson, Wayne E.	Tarr, A. F.
Dawson, M. E.	Hegstad, R. R.	Osmunson, E. R.	Tarr, E. W.
Devins, R.	Herin, Mazie	Oswald, T. L.	Taylor, G. E.
Dickson, L. K.	Higgins, W. A.	Patzer, A. J.	Teesdale, W. H.
Dirksen, D. E.	Howe, W. A.	Pedersen, E. W.	Torkelson, T. R.
Ditberner, J. L.	Jenkins, H. R.	Peters, G. E.	Torrey, C. L.
Doss, N. L.	Johnson, D. S.	Peterson, E. M.	Troy, O. A.
Dower, N. R.	Kiesz, Arthur	Peterson, F. L.	Vandeman, G. E.
Dunbar, E. W.	King, G. D.	Phillips, W. E.	Waddell, R. F.
Dunn, N. W.	Kotz, S. A.	Pierson, R. H.	Wagner, J. H.
Emmerson, K. H.	Lauda, C. H.	Prenier, D. C.	Walde, E. R.
Esteb, A. A.	Leach, B. E.	Preston, B. M.	
Eva, W. Duncan	Lee, W. S.	Randolph, C. E.	
Evans, I. M.	Leiske, L. J.	Reed, H. V.	

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STANDING COMMITTEES (concluded):

PLANS

Weeks, H. B.	Wilcox, R. A.
Werner, H.	Wild, W. A.
Wernick, F. W.	Woodman, I. J.
White, A. L.	Zumwalt, A. L.

PLATFORM

Mote, F. A., Chairman	
Fearing, A. C.	Moseley, C. E.

PUBLICITY

Loewen, M. E., Chairman	
Tarr, E. W.	Weeks, H. B.

GREETINGS:

The Secretary, W. R. Beach, presented greetings which have been received from various divisions and workers as follows: From the Australasian Division, greetings from W. G. Turner and C. H. Watson; also a message of love and greetings from the membership and workers of the Australasian Division; from the Northern European Division, from J. P. Sundquist in Sweden, an expression of greetings and love in the form of a cable; from the Middle East Division, a message of greeting from Brethren A. G. Zytkoskee and R. W. Wilmot. In addition, we have received a host of letters expressing the feelings of our workers in various parts of the world and in this country, of warm appreciation and confidence in the brethren who meet here to deal with the problems.

VOTED, To record these greetings, and reciprocate with appropriate messages; including also the name of W. H. Branson, a former president of the General Conference.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

W. R. Beach as Secretary then presented a report entitled "The Church is on the March." The full report will appear in print. Briefly summarized, he presented the following points: It is fitting that at this Biennial Council we spend time in assessing the past, evaluating the present, and looking hard into the future. He referred to the world situation in the following terms: The exploding world population to challenge the church; godless social, political, and economic concepts which must be met in our outreach; pagan religions are on the march; the fact that Moslem now claims to have in Africa alone more missionaries than Protestantism has in the world; Roman Catholicism maneuvers skilfully to speak for a reunited Christendom; defective Protestantism has become involved in latter-day false revivalism, while promoting commitment to so-called psychic phenomena; on many fronts the church marches in the trough of embattlement.

However, we are confident in the prophetic picture of a glorious triumph for God's church of the remnant. The messengers of God's last work will continue on the march until the "earth is filled with His glory." The year 1959 justified our confidence. Six world divisions were home bases from which 461 faithful workers marched into lands beyond. The record shows that 280 workers left the shores of North America, while 181 were placed under appointment by division committees overseas. In addition, six workers in North America for advanced training returned to their homelands as national workers. This was one of the church's best years. During the first nine months of 1960 a total of 343 workers from and to all divisions were placed under appointment for the first time, or were returned to overseas responsibilities. For the North American base these were divided into categories of workers as follows: Ministerial, 26; Educational, 56; Medical, 67; Administrative and Others, 89. Of particular interest has been the larger number of degreed educational workers, and the heartening number of physicians (52) on deferred appointment.

In the course of the past two years a number of adjustments have continued to take place in the outlook and operations of the world church: The nineteenth century concept of missions is more and more fully replaced by the "world church," the "world work" concept of God's cause. This movement is becoming not only in word but in deed, a world missionary church. The strength of this church depends much on the capacity and efficiency of local leadership. The Advent Movement has reached out into 190 political units. Many areas of earth are now able to assume at least partially, and should, responsibility for their home base and the world field. More and more our workers are proceeding from all divisions to all divisions in a growing, consolidating world church. Furthermore, the color spectrum has been completely altered throughout the world. The changing world situation lays an awesome responsibility on the church. There must be no neglect of the divinely entrusted task. Our thrust in the world must remain evangelical. In apostolic terms, it must be: A proclamation, a service, a fellowship, a teaching, and a healing. It is this complete mission that must undergird us, and it will make us not just a church with missions in all the world; but truly a world missionary church.

TREASURY REPORTS:

C. L. Torrey, Treasurer, spoke of 1960 as a year of fast-moving events. A number of European colonies have been given the opportunity of setting up their own governments. Other colonies are clamoring for the same privilege. There has been a great display of military preparations. The outlook would be discouraging in the extreme were it not for the uplook. Notwithstanding world conditions which are resulting in fear, turmoil, and uncertainty, God has His plans for the finishing of His work in all the earth. We hear thrilling reports of progress in soul-winning, of the large number of converts to the message, and as these converts join the church they help to swell the income of the cause in tithes and mission offerings, and the carrying forward of our work into all the world is made possible.

The world tithe income for 1959 amounted to \$53,532,951.33. Comparing this with 1949, or a period of ten years, the increase in tithe has amounted to \$26,454,091.28, or 97.69%. The tithe income for 1959 was the largest in our history.

The mission offerings, likewise, have shown a good increase. Included in the mission offerings are Sabbath School, Birthday, Investment Funds, Ingathering,

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Missions Advance, Midsummer, Week of Sacrifice, and Missions Extension offerings. The mission offerings in 1959 amounted to \$15,766,573.72. In 1949 the mission offerings were \$10,184,854.96. This shows an increase in the period of ten years of \$5,581,718.76, or 54.80 %.

It is interesting to note that fifty years ago, or in 1909, the Sabbath school membership stood at 96,673. During that year these members contributed \$120,682.80, or a per capita of \$1.25. In 1959, the membership had increased to 1,585,879. These members contributed a per capita of \$4.67. The Sabbath school offerings in 1959 amounted to \$7,413,172.14. In 1949 the Sabbath school offerings were \$4,790,896.42. This shows an increase during the ten years of \$2,622,275.72, or 54.73 %. Included with the Sabbath school offerings are the Birthday and Investment funds.

In 1959 the total Ingathering funds reached \$7,009,799.47. In 1949 the total Ingathering funds received were \$4,166,801.24. This represents an increase of \$2,842,998.23, or 68.23 %.

The local and union conferences of North America in 1959 contributed \$8,558,693.17 to the world budget from their tithe income.

Since the Harris Pine Mills was turned over to the General Conference by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Harris, \$800,000 have been made available for the world budget. Another \$100,000 is to be added to the budget for 1961. In addition to this, \$50,000 was appropriated at the time of the last General Conference session in 1958 for world evangelism, thus making a grand total of \$950,000 for the world field.

In an endeavor to obtain all the information possible, we have visited economists and officials connected with large banking houses in New York City and have drawn from them their appraisal of conditions as they view them for the period ahead. There is general agreement that there will be a turn down in 1961, but there is difference of opinion as to the extent and duration of the recession. We hope and pray that the recession will not come, but if it does we should be prepared and not be caught off guard. The Budget Committee will want to review the situation.

In conclusion, Elder Torrey said that we are deeply grateful to a loving heavenly Father for a loyal and generous-hearted people. Their sacrifice and liberality has made possible the continued support and onward progress of our work in many lands. We want to pay tribute to all those who have so willingly kept before our people right around the world field the goal of this denomination-- the gospel to all the world.

W. E. Phillips made a statement on the security of the General Conference investments. Interest rates have been quite high, with the exception of the last few weeks. We have invested funds at as high as $6\frac{1}{2}$ %. As stated by C. L. Torrey, all of our purchases and sales of securities are authorized by a special committee, of which he is the chairman. We secure advice and counsel from large investment brokers of the country. At the end of September, 1960, the investments and securities for the General Conference and General Conference Corporation were \$2,080,463.06 in excess of the cost of the securities.

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R. H. Adair reported concerning the Sustentation Fund and recipients. At the beginning of the year we had 2,225 beneficiaries; on September 30, 1960, there were 2,286. The income for the year 1959 was \$4,633,000. The expenditure was \$3,955,000. So a gain was made last year of \$678,000. The sustentation rates were increased. Fortunately, the income is holding up well.

C. W. Bozarth made a short statement as to assistance given to our missionaries on furlough and permanently returned. We have an average of about 150 missionaries on furlough all the time. It is quite a task to look after their financial needs and to keep track of their travel and their payments. But it is a pleasure for us to look after these good folks when they come back to their homeland. We are also responsible for about 25 overseas students who come over from various overseas divisions to further their education in this country. We also look after their financial arrangements while over here. Our missionaries come from practically every part of the world.

K. H. Emmerson reported on the work of the transportation office, in the General Conference, and also on the east and west coasts. During 1959 we tried to help 152 new appointees prepare themselves for overseas service; also gave assistance to 128 returning missionary families or units. In New York City in 1959, there were 104 arrivals, 82 departures, which meant about 460 persons assisted in getting their goods in or out of the country. We feel very much encouraged over the facilities prepared and given to us in New York City.

O. A. Blake, the Undertreasurer, presented the Treasury Reports for the Autumn Council of 1960 and the budget requests from the world field.

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

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Balance Sheet
June 30, 1960

ASSETS

CASH, BANKS, AND SECURITIES:

Cash and Banks	2 827 794 57	
Securities, less Reserve	<u>22 461 676 37</u>	
Total		25 289 470 94

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

Miscellaneous and Personal	917 073 59	
Notes Receivable	344 355 15	
Publishing Houses	399 648 32	
Transportation Offices	<u>113 084 83</u>	
Total		1 774 161 89

INVENTORIES AND PREPAID ITEMS:

Prepaid Interest, January 1, 1960	119 311 24	
Cable and Airline Deposits, etc.	4 178 26	
Esda Service Stock	129 375 78	
Office Inventories	13 466 29	
Truck Expense	281 37	
Insurance	4 567 00	
1960 Youth Congress Expense	3 314 79	
Health and Welfare Patterns	86 49	
True Education Journal	2 511 60	
Yearbook	<u>1 415 39</u>	
Total		<u>278 508 21</u>

TOTAL ASSETS

27 342 141 04

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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Balance Sheet
June 30, 1960

LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Divisions	5 001 149 34	
Miscellaneous and Personal	<u>416 813 82</u>	
Total		5 417 963 16

TRUST FUNDS:

Miscellaneous	1 777 048 87	
Sustentation	<u>6 600 746 65</u>	
Total		8 377 795 52

DEFERRED ITEMS:

Church Road Signs	2 928 34	
Unexpired Subs., Ministry & True Educ.	15 508 89	
Health & Welfare Manuals	2 913 29	
Travel Accident Insurance	1 936 00	
Unearned Interest	15 124 02	
Working Policy Books	<u>150 00</u>	
Total		38 560 54

TOTAL LIABILITIES 13 834 319 22

NET WORTH

REGULAR:

Balance, January 1, 1960	8 501 967 49	
Increase for Six Months	<u>1 636 563 41</u>	
Balance, June 30, 1960		10 138 530 90

RESERVES:

Balance, June 30, 1960	<u>3 369 290 92</u>	
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TOTAL NET WORTH, June 30, 1960 13 507 821 82

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH 27 342 141 04

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 1960

Total Cash, Banks, and Securities		25 289 470 94
Provision for the following Items:		
1. Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	5 417 963 16	
Trust Funds	8 377 795 52	
Deferred Items	<u>38 560 54</u>	13 834 319 22
2. Reserve Funds		<u>3 369 290 92</u>
Total Commitments		<u>17 203 610 14</u>
Remaining Balance of Cash, Banks, and Securities		8 085 860 80
Other Current Assets:		
Accounts Receivable		1 774 161 89
Inventories and Prepaid Items		<u>278 508 21</u>
Total Operating Capital		<u><u>10 138 530 90</u></u>

REQUIRED AND ACTUAL OPERATING CAPITAL COMPAREDActual Operating Capital:

Total Current Assets		27 342 141 04
Less: Total Current Liabilities	13 834 319 22	
Net Worth Reserves	<u>3 369 290 92</u>	<u>17 203 610 14</u>
Actual Operating Capital		10 138 530 90

Required Operating Capital and Fixed Reserves:

Operating Capital Required is 12% of 1959 appropriations and operating expenses amounting to \$22 138 953 92		2 656 674 47
Fixed Reserves Requirement is 20% of \$22 138 953 92		<u>4 427 790 78</u>
Total Required Capital & Reserves		<u>7 084 465 25</u>
Actual Operating Capital EXCEEDS Required Capital by		<u><u>3 054 065 65</u></u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Statement of Operations and Retained Net Worth
For Six Months Ending June 30, 1959 and 1960

	<u>INCOME</u>		Increase (Decrease)
	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	
<u>TITHES:</u>			
North America:			
Union 1%	192 671 63	208 340 38	15 668 75
Local Conference Percentage	3 801 054 22	4 099 768 62	298 714 40
Special for Exchange	1 948 162 16	2 465 805 74	517 643 58
Miscellaneous	16 819 22	21 887 05	5 067 83
Totals	<u>5 958 707 23</u>	<u>6 795 801 79</u>	837 094 56
Overseas:			
Regular 1%	<u>66 946 75</u>	<u>76 202 19</u>	9 255 44
TOTAL TITHES	<u>6 025 653 98</u>	<u>6 872 003 98</u>	846 350 00
<u>MISSION OFFERINGS:</u>			
North America:			
Dollar-a-Week Funds	7 764 864 23	8 214 481 82	449 617 59
Miscellaneous	18 385 33	10 390 97	(7 994 36)
Totals	<u>7 783 249 56</u>	<u>8 224 872 79</u>	441 623 23
Overseas:			
Non-Revertible	<u>1 027 763 09</u>	<u>1 202 414 16</u>	174 550 07
TOTAL MISSION OFFERINGS	<u>8 811 012 65</u>	<u>9 427 185 95</u>	616 173 30
<u>MISCELLANEOUS INCOME:</u>			
North America:			
Commissions	2 419 62	4 553 01	2 133 39
Dividends and Interest - 2%	207 386 57	225 634 59	18 248 02
Misc. Funds and Interest	1 618 62	4 696 26	3 077 64
Legacies and Matured Annuities	-	25 545 58	25 545 58
Royalties	191 94	497 83	305 89
Specific Mission Donations	28 083 64	18 686 16	(9 397 48)
Totals	<u>239 700 39</u>	<u>279 613 43</u>	39 913 04
Overseas:			
Ingathering & Miss. Ext. Reversion	<u>909 318 91</u>	<u>983 320 99</u>	74 002 08
TOTAL MISC. INCOME	<u>1 149 019 30</u>	<u>1 262 934 42</u>	113 915 12
TOTAL INCOME - Six Months	15 985 685 93	17 562 124 35	1 576 438 42
Less: Expenses - page 5	<u>14 508 076 75</u>	<u>15 925 686 06</u>	1 417 609 31
OPERATING GAIN	1 477 609 18	1 636 438 29	158 829 11
<u>NON-OPERATING:</u>			
Previous Year Adjustments	<u>1 569 99</u>	<u>125 12</u>	(1 444 87)
NET INCREASE TO NET WORTH	<u>1 479 179 17</u>	<u>1 636 563 41</u>	157 284 24

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Statement of Operations and Retained Net Worth
For Six Months Ending June 30, 1959 and 1960

	<u>EXPENSES</u>		Increase (Decrease)
	1959	1960	
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE:</u>			
Salary and Expense of Departments	597 400 81	664 550 39	67 149 58
Transportation Offices Expense	24 717 24	25 076 44	359 20
General Operating Expense	87 189 28	91 190 71	4 001 43
Totals	709 307 33	780 817 54	71 510 21
<u>APPROPRIATIONS:</u>			
North America:			
Regular	1 177 320 55	1 365 223 72	187 903 17
Ingathering Overflow - Unions	2 509 177 16	2 621 648 67	112 471 51
Comeback, 18.4% - Unions	651 324 05	696 045 04	44 720 99
North American Missions Revertible	43 081 17	62 219 32	19 138 15
Totals	4 380 902 93	4 745 136 75	364 233 82
Overseas:			
Regular	5 565 713 44	5 853 079 44	287 366 00
Ingathering & Miss. Ext. Reversion	909 273 63	983 320 99	74 047 36
Special Reversion - Central Europe	152 146 09	176 256 67	24 110 58
Spring in Tithe and Offerings	44 062 40	91 727 05	47 664 65
Totals	6 671 195 56	7 104 384 15	433 188 59
Total Appropriations	11 052 098 49	11 849 520 90	797 422 41
<u>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE:</u>			
Harris Pine Mills - Manager Expense	2 631 00	3 029 01	398 01
Oakwood College Advisor	1 337 05	1 426 02	88 97
Miscellaneous & Fixed Appropriations	766 799 96	807 563 43	40 763 47
Non-Tithe Funds Exchanged	1 948 162 16	2 465 805 74	517 643 58
Specific Donations Paid	27 740 76	17 523 42	(10 217 34)
Totals	2 746 670 93	3 295 347 62	548 676 69
TOTAL EXPENSES	14 508 076 75	15 925 686 06	1 417 609 31

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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
EXHIBITS
June 1960

NET WORTH RESERVES

Camp Pastors' & Servicemen's Centers		6 905 13
Entertainment - Servicemen Overseas		8 220 38
Esda Service - Earned Surplus		5 495 08
Faith for Today - Building Reserve		100 000 00
Field Guide Book - Missionary Volunteer Department		1 655 90
Films - Major Department		30 000 00
- Educational Department		5 000 00
- Home Missionary Department		1 104 43
- It Is Written		127 399 21
- Missionary Volunteer Department		15 000 00
- Public Affairs Department	(Overspent)	(19 80)
- Publishing Department		265 00
- Sabbath School Department		8 050 92
Foreign Exchange - Net Gains	366 888 73	
- Reverted to Divisions	<u>178 355 74</u>	
	188 532 99	
- Balance, January 1, 1960	<u>186 571 34</u>	375 104 33
Froom - Special for Books		73 08
General Conference Session - 1962		54 000 00
Geology & Paleontology - Operating Fund		15 462 62
- Building Fund		25 000 00
"IMMORTALITY" Research	(Overspent)	(720 85)
Ingathering Broadcasts		5 134 23
Jewish Radio Broadcasts		7 286 03
Latin American Radio Production		4 807 76
Leave of Absence Fund		15 279 04
Literature Promotion		1 329 38
Magazine Advertising		4 679 03
Manager Salary Reserve - Harris Pine Mills		24 000 00
Medical Residency - Missions		68 509 88
"MESSAGE" Magazine		1 500 00
Ministerial Internships - University		19 491 89
Miscellaneous and Fixed Appropriations Reserve		139 267 51
Missionary Orientation Program		132 000 00
New Jersey Property Reserve		14 051 94
Nussbaum, J., Travel and Expense		5 966 06
"One Block from Public School"		101 46
Promotion Pictures		11 372 91
Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers		925 78
Reconstruction Base - Orient	(Overspent)	(127 013 99)
Rehabilitation Funds		74 052 60
Securities Fluctuation Reserve		1 844 052 33
Students Travel Fund - University		24 647 71
Servicemen's Center - San Antonio		2 434 86
Special Appropriations - 1960		50 500 00
Special Appropriations, former years - Unused		2 000 00

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
 Forty,-Fifty,-Sixty,-Seventy,-Eighty-Cents and Dollar-a-Week Funds
 Raised from 1934 - 1959, less Reverted Funds
 North American Division Only

Year	Alaska, etc. Reversions Mem. only	Funds Raised For Missions	Basis of Membership	Cents per Week per Member	Comeback Funds, 18.4%	Ingathering & Big Week Overflows
1934	13 809 90	1 898 971 67	135 672	.269	302 639 79	-
1935	14 723 54	2 020 227 87	143 777	.270	321 967 33	-
1936	18 252 82	2 195 087 77	151 216	.278	348 293 59	36 251 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
1958	54 136 76	11 009 241 24	308 695	.686	1 283 289 29	2 388 354 48
1959	51 765 49	11 721 549 33	318 939	.706	1 370 366 97	2 519 504 36

Quadrennial Period	Total Mission Funds	Less Comeback & 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
1958 - 1959 2 years	22 730 790 57	7 561 376 65	15 169 413 92	66.74
Total for 26 years	163 053 027 97	47 639 556 66	115 413 471 31	70.78
Average per year	6 271 270 30	1 832 290 64	4 438 595 05	
Average percent for 26 years	100.00	29.22	70.78	

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

<u>Unions</u>	<u>1933 Net</u>	<u>1957 Net</u>	<u>1958 Net</u>	<u>1959 Net</u>
Atlantic	64 660 40	202 285 18	204 703 46	208 790 32
Canadian	28 250 26	113 596 98	114 871 97	113 100 18
Central	41 304 45	144 373 43	147 184 22	153 642 57
Columbia	78 379 26	355 865 23	358 984 11	365 018 50
Lake	37 015 22	288 771 86	300 272 54	299 122 10
Northern	-	84 051 08	86 013 76	89 705 20
North Pacific	32 107 02	157 110 65	158 738 47	161 272 05
Pacific	96 991 28	336 363 67	326 949 28	362 380 91
Southern	32 546 61	323 761 75	334 504 10	356 390 64
Southwestern	18 089 43	161 448 20	181 102 11	191 427 10
Net Ingathering Available to Missions	429 343 93	2 167 628 03	2 213 324 02	2 300 849 57
Increase over Previous Year	-	100 618 80	45 695 99	87 525 55
Total Ingathering Raised	511 123 73	4 679 930 06	4 794 851 75	5 010 209 25
Less: Net Ingathering Available to Missions	429 343 93	2 167 628 03	2 213 324 02	2 300 849 57
Reverted to Unions, including 18.4% Comeback	81 779 80	2 512 302 03	2 581 527 73	2 709 359 68
Percent of Ingathering Reverted to Unions	16.0	53.7	53.8	54.08
For Missions	84.0	46.3	46.2	45.92

Ingathering by Divisions
Years 1929, 1932, and 1959

<u>Division</u>	<u>1929</u>	<u>1932</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>Total Receipts 1908 - 1959</u>
Australasia	78 100 15	63 793 55	314 288 96	5 005 948 03
Central Europe	87 031 61	85 556 95	63 613 55	1 268 904 06
China - 1931-1954*	-	17 889 45	-	1 388 910 43
Far East	57 024 93	17 154 08	201 219 19	2 530 892 56
Inter-America	29 851 69	19 540 39	261 025 06	3 289 361 83
Middle East	-	-	793 00	68 527 94
North America	851 416 55	528 710 69	5 010 209 25	73 488 021 55
Northern Europe	92 489 65	73 164 31	424 659 34	6 623 682 44
South America	34 168 76	27 775 75	183 011 25	3 385 912 32
Southern Africa	27 186 15	24 086 53	260 639 89	4 150 741 89
Southern Asia	5 246 05	8 825 71	93 092 29	1 098 281 70
Southern Europe	42 323 29	46 512 06	153 988 99	2 077 236 76
Europe to 1928	-	-	-	1 014 473 35
Totals	1 304 838 83	913 009 47	6 966 540 77	105 390 894 86

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

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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Amount of Mission Offerings for \$1 Tithe
Years 1899 to 1959

(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	1958	.288
		1959	.286

High year

1959 Total Tithes	\$41 331 984 35
1959 Mission Offerings	\$11 763 421 85

If Mission Offerings had been given by our members in North America in the year 1959 as they were given in the year 1931, as compared with the tithe given, we would have had \$28 064 417 37, or \$16 300 995 52 more than we actually received.

Autumn Council

October 25, 1960

Registration cards were passed to the delegates to be completed.

STANDING COMMITTEES--ADDITIONAL NAMES:

The Committee on Additional Names to Standing Committees presented a report which was voted as follows:

To the Budget Committee: F. D. Nichol;
 To the Finance Committee: H. W. Barrows, M. C. Bird, D. C. Duffield,
 J. O. Gibson, Theodore Lucas, F. D. Nichol, H. E. Rice;
 To the Plans Committee: P. G. Biy, Roy E. Brooks, Rosemary Richards.

It was agreed to devote the afternoon to Standing Committees. A list of announcements of committees called was distributed.

Adjourned at 12:30 P.M. to 10:00 A.M., October 26.

Closing prayer by F. D. Nichol.

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

At the evening meeting on October 25, 1960, from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M., reports were presented by W. Mueller, president of the Central European Division, and F. G. Clifford, president of the Australasian Division.

Devotional Meeting: The speaker for the Devotional Service on Wednesday morning, October 26, 1960, at 9:00 A.M., was W. B. Ochs. He read Luke 21:28 as a text, in which Jesus said: "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Elder Ochs called attention to three words in this text which he used as a basis for his remarks--"then look up." The Saviour knew that the conditions in the world would try the souls of men, so He threw out this challenge--"then look up." To look down is human; to look up is divine. To lift up our eyes is the first step toward receiving divine help. Looking up we see God. It helps us to know that our "redemption draweth nigh." Looking up clarifies our vision. The up-look will always bring courage to the soul. While the people in the world are bewildered and confused over the political, social, and religious conditions, the people of God know their true meaning. We know they are but a fulfillment of prophecy. So, regardless of conditions or circumstances, let us keep our sins confessed and forgiven, for then and only then we shall rejoice as we look up, because we know that our "redemption draweth nigh."

One Hundred Fifty-Fourth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 26, 1960, 10:00 A.M.

The second business session of the Autumn Council was called to order by M. V. Campbell, Chairman.

After a song by the assembled delegates, M. V. Campbell led in the opening prayer.

STATISTICAL REPORT:

The ninety-seventh Annual Statistical Report of Seventh-day Adventists for 1959 was distributed.

H. W. Klaser, Statistical Secretary, presented an encouraging report by means of figures, charts, and comparisons, showing the growth and work of the church. He said, "Our responsibilities in the earth are a challenge to every one of us. The Lord, in His infinite wisdom, has placed Seventh-day Adventists in countries representing 98.98 % of the population of the world and the gospel is being preached in 791 languages and dialects, Seventh-day Adventist literature being available in 218 of these." Although our membership has increased 57.8 % since 1950, still our 1,194,070 members in the world are scattered so sparsely that there are almost unlimited opportunities of service for every member. During the year there were 286 new church organizations, and 210 new church buildings, and there were 86,777 persons taken into the church by baptism and profession of faith. There was a net membership increase of 44,814.

SPRING MEETING--1961:

VOTED, That the Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee be held April 4-6, 1961, in Takoma Park, D.C.

AUTUMN COUNCIL--1961:

VOTED, That the Autumn Council of the General Conference Committee be held October 24-30, 1961, in Takoma Park, D.C.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--1962:

VOTED, That the next General Conference session be held July 26 to August 4, 1962, in San Francisco, California.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Council was adjourned at 10:30 A.M., October 26, in order that the Andrews University might hold its Constituency Meeting as announced.

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY CONSTITUENCY MEETING:

R. R. Figuhr, President, served as Chairman; Richard Hammill, Vice-President, explained the Articles of Incorporation proposed for the University. F. O. Rittenhouse, Secretary, recorded the vote adopting the Articles as presented. Upon request, he also made a statement regarding the progress of the University

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and the Undergraduate School. The University has two Vice-Presidents: Dr. F. A. Meier, for the Undergraduate School, and Dr. C. E. Weniger, who is also Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. The Dean of the SDA Theological Seminary is W. G. C. Murdoch.

The Autumn Council business session re-convened at 10:45 A.M.

RESOLUTION ON GRATITUDE:

(This resolution from the Plans Committee was adopted by standing vote of rededication, and voiced by Elder Figuhr in prayer of deep gratitude to God for His mercies and for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as the work of God is finished in all the earth.)

WHEREAS, The blessing of God has rested manifestly upon His cause throughout the past year, as evidenced by a large ingathering of souls, the extension of our various avenues of evangelism, the strengthening of work for our children and youth, the spirit of loyalty and unity in our churches, and the faithful financial support of our membership, despite the problems of these last days;

We recommend, 1. That we express to God our deep gratitude for His continued mercies and blessings, humbly recognizing our weaknesses and failures, trusting only in the redeeming love and grace of God.

2. That we invite all our workers and members to join us in a new pledge of devotion to God through unity in fellowship, life, and doctrine, standing loyally together against the overspreading forces of evil and disunity in the world.

3. That we call upon our ministry and laity everywhere to join us in seeking God earnestly for a greater outpouring of His Spirit, that the church, faced with unprecedented world problems, may arise in a renewed and deeper dedication in the concluding of God's work in the earth, recognizing that only "through the righteousness of faith" (Romans 4: 13), and through the merits of Christ's righteousness ministered to us through saving grace (Ephesians 2: 8) can we experience the complete fulfillment of the following words of the servant of the Lord:

"There is before the church the dawn of a bright, glorious day, if she will put on the robe of Christ's righteousness, withdrawing from all allegiance to the world."--Prophets and Kings, p. 260;

"The church is God's agency for the proclamation of truth empowered by Him to do a special work . . . If she will be true to her allegiance, if she will be true to the Lord God of Israel, there is no power that can stand against her." --Acts of the Apostles, p. 600;

"Clad in the armor of Christ's righteousness, the church is to enter upon her final conflict. 'Fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners,' she is to go forth into all the world, conquering and to conquer."--Prophets and Kings, p. 725.

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

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATIONS:

WHEREAS, There is in many countries increasing prejudice against outside interference in its internal affairs and a consequent bias toward any presentation made by an "International" organization; and

WHEREAS, A national religious liberty organization could more effectively speak on the problems that may arise in a country without automatically being discredited because of international connotation; and

WHEREAS, These national units could be organized as subsidiary organizations of the International Religious Liberty Association and enjoy the benefit of their national name;

We recommend, 1. That the Board of Trustees of the International Religious Liberty Association give study to the issuance of charters for the organizing of National Religious Liberty Associations in those countries where they are desired and may be deemed advisable.

2. That the relationship of these national associations to the International Religious Liberty Association be defined by the Board of Trustees.

3. That this plan and the relationship of the national organization to the International Association be submitted for approval to a special meeting of the voting membership to be called at such a time as may be practical.

The Council was adjourned for a short time in order that the International Religious Liberty Association might hold its legal meeting at 11:00 o'clock as announced.

INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION:

M. V. Campbell, Chairman, called the meeting to order. M. E. Loewen, Secretary, mentioned vacancies on the Association staff, and it was voted to refer to the Nominating Committee of the Council the filling of the vacancies on the Association. R. R. Hegstad reported on Liberty Magazine, its purpose, needs, and field of service; and W. M. Adams on the history of Supreme Court reaction to Sunday legislation since 1900. Several classes of society are interested in Sunday legislation, thinking it will solve their problems. We have requested and have been granted privilege of filing a brief before the Supreme Court and it is listed for hearing in December, 1960. Plans are being set up to meet the issues as they will undoubtedly come. Adjournment was taken to the call of the Chair.

The Autumn Council re-convened for business.

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INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION--
SUGGESTED CHANGE IN TERMINOLOGY FOR:

VOTED, That a committee be appointed to study the name of the International Religious Liberty Association, suggesting that the term "International" be changed to "World-wide" or something similar.

M. V. Campbell presented to the Council members and had distributed to each a compilation on the problem of consolidation of the School of Medicine of the College of Medical Evangelists, which has been gathered together so that the Committee members might study the item before it comes to them for action on Monday.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, 1961 and 1962--COMMITTEE ON:

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee to bring in recommendations regarding the Schedule of Meetings requested for 1961 and 1962. Committee appointed: W. B. Ochs, Chairman; N. W. Dunn, W. E. Murray, and the ten North American Union Conference Presidents.

TRACT--RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP
IN THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH:

VOTED, That the Secretarial Department arrange for the reprinting of the highly appreciated tract, Responsibilities of Membership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

WEST COAST UNIVERSITY--NAME:

VOTED, That the West Coast University be named Loma Linda University.

The following recommendations from the Home and Overseas Officers, involving changes in the Working Policy, were adopted:

FINANCIAL AID TO OVERSEAS MEDICAL APPOINTEES:

We recommend, 1. That the first paragraph under section 2, pages 148 and 149 of the Working Policy, be changed to read as follows:

2. In the case of physicians and dentists whose total indebtedness incurred during their period of preparation for service together with College of Medical Evangelists deferred tuition notes and student loan notes does not exceed \$4,000, a contingent appropriation of up to \$3,500 may be granted in order to reduce the indebtedness to \$500. The appointee shall sign notes for the assistance thus received, and the General Conference and the calling division shall share equally in canceling 20 per cent of such notes for each year the appointee serves in the overseas field until the whole amount is canceled.

2. That paragraphs 1 and 2 under section 1, pages 149 and 150 be revised to read as follows:

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In the case of prospective medical and dental missionary appointees, who, either at the time of their entry into medical school at the College of Medical Evangelists or prior to the end of their senior year, indicate their desire to devote their lives to mission service, arrangements may be made whereby such prospective missionary appointees shall sign a contract with the General Conference, and shall be placed under deferred appointment to the mission field. Under the above-mentioned contract, financial assistance to the deferred appointee may be provided on the following basis:

Junior Year Assistance	Up to \$ <u>1,400.00</u>
Senior Year Assistance	Up to \$ <u>1,800.00</u>
Internship Assistance	Up to \$ <u>800.00</u>

The funds advanced under this plan shall be shared equally by the General Conference and the calling division and shall be amortized by each organization simultaneously at the rate of 20 per cent per year for each year the appointee serves in the mission field. An appointee receiving assistance under this plan would not be eligible for aid under the plan for Indebtedness Assistance to Medical Appointees, nor would he be eligible if he had other indebtedness unless he could present a plan acceptable to the General Conference and calling division for liquidation of such indebtedness prior to leaving for the mission field.

FREIGHT, INSURANCE, AND CUSTOMS CHARGES:

We recommend, 1. That the freight weights listed in paragraph 1 of the "Freight, Insurance, and Customs Charges" policy appearing on pages 151-153 of the Working Policy be revised as follows:

Class A families--man and wife	<u>6,000</u> lbs.
additional for each child	500 "
single workers	<u>3,000</u> "
Class B families--man and wife	<u>3,000</u> "
additional for each child	500 "
single workers	<u>1,500</u> "

2. That the following paragraph be inserted as paragraph 2 of this policy:

That 350 pounds be set as the figure for the varying free baggage allowance that is granted by steamship companies and that the employing organization pay the incidental expenses of pick-up, packing, crating, handling, etc., on such free baggage allowances for each full ticket in addition to the expenses in connection with his authorized freight allowance. The organization will make cash settlement on the unused portion of this free baggage allowance. Thus the missionary may take in excess of his authorized freight allowance 350 lbs., this amount of weight in lieu of the varying weights granted free by the steamship lines with his passage tickets, and the cash allowance will be made on the same basis as on the authorized freight allowance for the unused portion of this free allowance.

3. That paragraphs 2-6 of the policy be renumbered accordingly.

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TERM OF SERVICE AND LENGTH OF FURLOUGH:

We recommend, That the following paragraphs be inserted before paragraph 32 on page 171 of the Working Policy:

In division fields where the period of service for families is five years or more and where the service period for single workers is four years or more, and where because of the nature of their work, family conditions, or in consideration of the best interests of the work, at the discretion of the division committee the worker who has completed 75 per cent of the term of service may be granted an early furlough, up to 50 per cent of the regular furlough inclusive of travel, it being understood each case will be considered on its own merits, by the division committee concerned.

When workers are sent by their divisions to attend the General Conference session, Autumn Council, or special meetings in their homelands, arrangements shall be made for such workers to take their furloughs in connection with these appointments.

IN-SERVICE DEVELOPMENT POLICY:

We recommend, 1. That the In-Service Development Policy as recorded on pages 83 and 84 of the Working Policy be amended to include the following provisions:

a. A married teacher or school administrator sent to another division under the provisions of this policy shall be accompanied by his wife.

b. The travel expenses of the wife shall be paid on the same basis as that of her husband.

c. The question as to whether or not children are to accompany their parents at denominational expense shall be negotiated as between the division and the General Conference in each case.

2. That Section 4 of the In-Service Development Policy be revised to read as follows:

The respective overseas divisions shall be authorized to select teachers or administrators who are considered eligible to come under the provisions of this policy and shall then refer their names to the General Conference Department of Education for negotiation and placement, it being understood that arrangements under this plan shall be finalized by the General Conference Committee.

ASSISTANCE FOR CURRENTLY EMPLOYED WORKERS
ATTENDING ANDREW'S UNIVERSITY:

We recommend, That paragraph 9 of the policy on Assistance for Currently Employed Workers Attending Andrews University (page 238 of the Working Policy) be amended to include the necessary travel expenses of the wives of workers from overseas divisions benefiting by this policy in cases where the worker attends the University for at least two semesters. The paragraph will then read:

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"Overseas divisions are asked to make provision for selected workers, other than those on furlough, to attend the University, necessary travel expense of such workers and their wives to be borne in equal proportion" etc.

FREQUENCY OF DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS--
COMMITTEE TO STUDY:

VOTED, That we authorize the Officers of the General Conference to appoint a representative committee to study the frequency of various departmental committee meetings, and bring in a report.

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERINGS OVERFLOW, 1963, 1964:

VOTED, To approve of the plan for the following divisions to benefit from the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering Overflow in 1963 and 1964:

1963:	1964:
1st Quarter--Australasia	1st Quarter--South America
2nd Quarter--Inter-America	2nd Quarter--Far East
3rd Quarter--Middle East	3rd Quarter--Southern Asia
4th Quarter--Southern Africa	4th Quarter--Northern Europe

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO STANDING COMMITTEES:

VOTED, To accept the following report of the Committee on Additional Personnel to Standing Committees: W. H. Teesdale, J. H. Wagner, to Finance Committee; H. K. Halladay, to Plans Committee.

F. A. Mote, Chairman of the Hebrew Scripture Association, reported briefly on the work of the association and some of their plans for the future.

Announcements were made.

Adjourned at 12:30 until 4:00 P.M.

Closing prayer, F. L. Peterson.

M. V. Campbell, Chairman
F. L. Peterson, Secretary
Marjorie Marsh,
Assistant Recording Secretary

One Hundred Fifty-Fifth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 26, 1960, 4:00 P.M.

The third business session of the Autumn Council was called to order by M. V. Campbell, Chairman.

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A. S. Maxwell led in the opening prayer.

Recommendations from the Home and Overseas Officers were presented and with amendments and additions adopted as follows:

WORK AMONG MOSLEM PEOPLE:

We recommend, 1. That as a first step in strengthening our work for the great Moslem people a meeting be convened in each division in which there is a large Moslem population, to give study to the implementation of a stronger and more effective program of work for these people, this meeting to be attended by those whose work, experience and background would enable them to make a valuable contribution to such study.

2. That we suggest that at these meetings particular study be given to the following:

Seventh-day Adventist teachings and publications in the Moslem setting
Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School Lessons
Temperance and Health Literature
Radio and Television Programs
Direct Public and Personal Evangelism
Public Relations

3. That a representative of the General Conference be appointed to attend these meetings and that he gather information and material that will be made available as a result of this study.

4. That if at all possible these meetings be convened during the year 1961, and if deemed advisable, that plans be laid for a larger committee.

CABLE FROM AFRICA:

W. R. Beach read the following cable received from P. F. Lemon, in the Belgian Congo: "VISITED LULENGELE ALL PROPERTY AND PERSONNEL SAFE MEMBERS SCATTERED PLANNING RETURN WENDELL FAMILY GREETINGS FALL COUNCIL FROM SOUTH CONGO." It was--

VOTED, To record this message, and to reciprocate with a message of love and interest particularly in the work in that field at the present time.

WEST AFRICA--MESSAGE FROM:

A. F. Tarr, president of the Northern European Division, stated that recently in harmony with the request of the West African Union Mission, Wm. McClements, a former treasurer in that union, had been sent to that field because of a special situation. He has received a letter from C. D. Watson, MV and Temperance Department Secretary for the Northern European Division, at present visiting our West African missions, in which he writes: "Pastor McClements has had a wonderful reception by the members and officials. Last Wednesday he was featured in a T.V. program 'Welcome Visitor'. It was really thrilling to watch and hear the church mentioned so many times."

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A Committee on Review and Herald Circulation, authorized by action of the 1960 Spring Council, presented recommendations which with certain additions were adopted as follows:

REVIEW AND HERALD CIRCULATION:

The Review and Herald from the earliest days of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has served as an important factor in stabilizing the members, lifting their spirituality, providing a sense of unity, and in promoting the world-wide progress of the Advent message.

Never has the Review been of greater importance in the Adventist home than it is now. It serves as a vital link in holding together our churches in all lands and in a special way as the voice of denominational leaders whose messages appear in its columns.

In North America it is estimated that a Review subscription comes into about only one out of every four Adventist homes. It is evident that if those who are not now reading the Review could have access to it and form the Review habit our apostasies would be reduced, our families strengthened spiritually, and our vision and faith enlarged.

It is because of these reasons that the committee presents the following series of recommendations calculated greatly to increase the circulation of the Review and Herald in the North American Division:

Size and Finance

WHEREAS, It is generally believed that a reduction in price would greatly stimulate the circulation of the Review;

We recommend, 1. That beginning in the Autumn of 1961 the Review and Herald Publishing House be encouraged to offer the Review at a special campaign price of \$4.00 per year (with the regular price continued at \$7.50), applicable from the beginning of the campaign until December 31, on the expectation that this special price and improved promotion will bring about a circulation of at least 75,000.

2. That in order to make this campaign price possible, the Review and Herald be encouraged to reduce the Review to 24 pages in length, including one page of advertising, except that one issue per month be 32 pages, including six pages of advertising.

3. That as an additional factor in lowering the subscription price to the above figure, the color numbers be discontinued with the close of 1960, and the present expenditure for this number be continued as a subsidy to the Review as from January 1, 1961, the annual amount to be kept at the 1960 level.

[Explanatory Note: As was made clear in the large committee that drafted this resolution, the conferences are paying for five special issues a year--four quarterly color numbers and the annual Week of Prayer issue to non-subscribers. With the elimination of the four quarterly color numbers, the mailing list, of course, will no longer be maintained. Hence the Week of Prayer issue will no longer be mailed out to non-subscribers. The Review will return to the plan followed in earlier years--invite local churches to purchase extra copies of the Week of Prayer issue, for non-subscribers, paying for these from local church

funds. In brief: Thus, under the resolution here voted the conferences are saved the cost of the five special issues, the saved cost being transformed into a subsidy for the broad program of regular subscriptions. This subsidy is to be paid to the Review and Herald Publishing House.]

4. That the Review and Herald Publishing House be encouraged to publish the General Conference Bulletin separately from the Review subscription list, and that it be priced separately.

Promotion

WHEREAS, Improved promotion will be necessary to achieve the desired circulation of the Review;

We recommend, 1. That on the local conference level the president and Book and Bible House manager be responsible for leading out in the promotion of the Review circulation, utilizing the departmental leaders and pastors; the Book and Bible House manager to be responsible for preparing conference bulletins and other promotion material for the campaign.

2. That we request the General Conference to appoint a member of their staff to join his efforts with the Review and Herald organization and the union and local conferences in the promotion of the Review.

3. That the program be channeled on the union conference level through the office of the union conference president.

4. That emphasis on Review circulation be made an item for special study at the time of regular or special workers' meetings in all the conferences prior to the opening of the annual campaign, holding before our workers the importance of every Seventh-day Adventist subscribing to the Review and Herald.

5. That during the period of the regular campaign, the conferences be urged to issue a series of bulletins informing the conference staff and churches of the goal of each church and the progress of the subscription campaign.

6. That churches and individual members be encouraged during the campaign to send the Review to those who were once members but are no longer in our fellowship, with the hope of reviving their interest and bringing about a restoration of their former church relationship.

7. That the churches and individual members be urged to send the Review to those who are not yet within the church, but who know well our message through having read our evangelistic literature for years and who might, with some instruction, be led to decide to become members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

8. That we refer the time of the Review and Herald campaign to the General Conference Committee, recommending that it be scheduled for the months of September and October.

In connection with the consideration of the above recommendations, F. D. Nichol spoke with regard to the importance of the Review and Herald as our church paper, its purpose, and the benefits derived from reading it. He emphasized the need for our endeavoring to contact those who were once members of the church and

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drifted away, to win them back to membership, and by means of renewal of their subscription to the Review help them to a steady and growing Christian experience.

Further recommendations from the Home and Overseas Officers were presented and adopted as follows:

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MISSIONARY APPOINTEES
FROM HOME BASES:

We recommend, That the following underlined changes be made in paragraph 2 of section 1 of the "Financial Assistance to Missionary Appointees from Home Bases" policy, appearing on page 148 of the Working Policy:

In special cases, where the total indebtedness does not exceed \$1,250, a contingent appropriation of up to \$1,000 may be granted by the General Conference in order to reduce the appointee's obligations to \$250, when circumstances and the urgency of the need for his services make this seem advisable. Twenty per cent of the amount of this appropriation shall be amortized by the General Conference and shall be credited to the worker's indebtedness account annually during the first five years of service in the mission field. The above appropriation shall be covered by note and contract between the General Conference and the appointee.

REHABILITATION ALLOWANCE:

We recommend, That section 1 of the "Rehabilitation Allowance" policy appearing on page 187 of the Working Policy be amended by increasing the freight weights allowed to returning missionaries from 2500 pounds to 3000 pounds, for each dependent child from 300 pounds to 500 pounds, and for a single worker from 1250 pounds to 1500 pounds.

ADVANCED TRAINING FOR NURSES
UNDER DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

WHEREAS, There is an ever-increasing need in the overseas divisions for nurses who hold the degree of Master of Nursing Education; and

WHEREAS, There is an acute shortage of candidates holding these qualifications; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That a program be inaugurated to assist nurses residing in the North American Division, who are under deferred appointment and who hold the degree of Bachelor of Science, to obtain the Master of Nursing Education degree; it being understood that this training be taken in our own institutions, except in specially authorized cases, when the required training is not available in our own institutions.

2. That the following expenses in connection with this advanced training be shared equally by the General Conference and the calling division:

a. A wage of \$200 per month for a full-time study program, plus rent subsidy in accordance with the prevailing rent policy in the area, but not to exceed \$50 per month.

b. The transportation expense of the appointee to the educational institution.

(Insert:) p. 709 (after the first paragraph)

He also stressed the thought that we could hasten decisions for the truth on the part of many who are just outside the church, if they were reading the Review, and thus gaining the "feel" of the Advent Movement, and seeing the breadth of its scope throughout the world.

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c. The full matriculation fee.

d. Fifty per cent of tuition and laboratory fees, cost of textbooks and the graduation fee.

3. That the appointee sign a note for the amount of assistance given, the note to be amortized by the General Conference and the calling division at the rate of 25 per cent for each year the appointee serves in the mission field.

4. That in the event of the appointee not entering mission service after completion of the course, or returning to the homeland before the indebtedness is liquidated and being employed within the denomination, the employing organization shall replace the General Conference and the division in carrying out the terms of the amortization.

5. That if for any reason the appointee does not enter upon mission service immediately following completion of the course or withdraws from the agreement to accept private employment before the indebtedness has been fully retired, the amount owing at the time of withdrawal shall become due and payable to the General Conference (including the division portion) at the rate of not less than 33 1/3 per cent of the total grant per year, at 6 per cent interest per year on the balance due at the end of each year until the entire balance of the loan plus interest has been paid.

6. That in applying for assistance on educational expense in harmony with the above agreement, full details shall be listed, dates covering tuition expense shall be given, and statements and receipts shall be attached. Textbooks shall be listed by titles. No allowance is granted on school supplies and equipment.

OUTFITTING ALLOWANCES:

We recommend, That the allowances provided under the "Outfitting Allowances" policy appearing on page 153 of the Working Policy, be increased for single workers (full term) from \$300 to \$350, for families without dependent children (full term) from \$600 to \$700, for each dependent child from \$75 to \$100.

AUTOMOBILE DEPRECIATION--

MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH:

We recommend, That section 28 of the policy "Automobile Depreciation-- Missionaries on Furlough" appearing on page 169 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 dollars, and credited to his account just prior to his return to the mission field. Other divisions may adopt a similar plan, crediting their missionaries with automobile depreciation in the currency of their home division just prior to the missionary's return to the mission field.

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TRAVEL OF CHILDREN OF MISSIONARIES:

We recommend, That the following paragraph be added to the "Furlough Policy" following the first full paragraph on page 163 of the Working Policy:

Children accompanying their parents from the homeland to the mission field at time of first appointment or returning from furlough, or traveling to the field shortly after their parents who have preceded them, shall go out with the expectation of remaining a reasonable period of time. When the return of the child to the homeland is requested by the missionary before approximately a year has elapsed after the child arrived in the field, the missionary may be required to pay the expense of the child's return transportation in whole or in part, as determined by the division committee.

A statement on Sabbath Observance which had been referred by action of the General Conference Committee on January 7, 1960 to the Autumn Council, was read. Since the time for adjournment had come, it was decided to hold this for further consideration at the next meeting.

Adjourned at 5:35 P.M. until 10 A.M., on October 27.

Prayer of dismissal by J. D. Smith.

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

In the evening meeting, October 26, 1960, from 7:30-9:00 P.M., reports were given by A. H. Roth, president of the Inter-American Division, and R. A. Wilcox, president of the Middle East Division.

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Devotional Meeting: V. G. Anderson was the speaker for the Devotional Service on Thursday morning, October 27, 1960, at 9:00 A.M. He read Isaiah 42: 1-4, calling attention especially to the prophecy that Christ would not fail nor be discouraged. Jesus Himself read from the prophet Isaiah, as recorded in the New Testament. Since He had the book of Isaiah He could also read concerning Himself, that He should not fail nor be discouraged. Elder Anderson read a number of Scriptures descriptive of the treatment given to Jesus. He was denied, they spat on His face, they smote Him with the palms of their hands; He was betrayed by one of His disciples; they placed a crown of thorns on His head; they nailed on Him. Our problems sink into insignificance when we read what our Saviour went through. Discouragement is said to be the anesthesia the devil gives you before taking out your heart. It is one of the chief weapons used by Satan and his imps. Elder Anderson said, I believe I can truthfully say I have never been discouraged, but I have been tempted to be discouraged.

He gave encouraging reports from the world field concerning increases in membership and baptisms. He spoke of the assurance of Jesus that this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached to all the world. We will not fail nor be discouraged. He quoted the following poem written by A. A. Esteb, October 25:

Christ did not fail, though Satan did his worst;
 Christ did not fail though men and demons cursed;
 He did not fail because His faith was strong;
 He did not fail, but sang the victor's song!

We must not fail or weaken in the fight;
 We dare not fail to spread the gospel light;
 How can we fail? Christ says, "I'll go with you!"
 We will not fail, because His word is true!

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One Hundred Fifty-Sixth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, 1960, 10:00 A.M.

The fourth business session of the Autumn Council was called to order by W. E. Murray, Chairman.

After the opening song and prayer, R. R. Figuhr introduced Charles J. Nagele, of Harris Pine Mills, and invited him to speak about the work of that organization.

C. J. Nagele said that 1960 will probably be the greatest year they have ever had. At the end of the year they will be operating eight plants. Next year they think they may be in a position to utilize the services of as many as 500 students. This year sales will press hard on the ten million dollar mark, including the new redwood division. He mentioned the providence of God in sparing their timber and a large caterpillar tractor which had been cutting a fire lane, from the ravages of the forest fires this summer. They are indeed grateful for the blessings of God on this enterprise.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE--STATEMENT ON:

After considerable discussion, it was

VOTED, To refer the item of "Sabbath Observance" to a committee of seven, to be appointed by the Chair, to amend the statement and report back to the Council. Committee appointed: V. G. Anderson, A. S. Maxwell, F. D. Nichol, T. Carcich, F. R. Millard, R. A. Anderson, H. L. Rudy.

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

MISSIONARY BOOK OF THE YEAR FOR 1962:

We recommend, That the book "Courage for the Crisis," by A. S. Maxwell be the missionary book for the year 1962.

INGATHERING TRAINING FILM:

WHEREAS, Its expanding world program with unprecedented needs challenges the church to greater solicitation effort and complete coverage of every home; and

WHEREAS, There is in numerous areas a concentration of membership and limited population which necessitates better approaches to insure larger Ingathering returns; and

WHEREAS, Instruction is needed to enable our members and youth to present our world program of humanitarian activities in an appealing and accurate manner; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That an Ingathering film, not to exceed twenty-five minutes' duration, be produced, this film to demonstrate practical solicitation techniques, tried Ingathering methods, successful missionary follow-up work, and world mission appeal.

2. That prints of this film be furnished to the union and local conferences at cost; the ~~annual~~ production expense of \$2,500 to be divided by the General Conference and unions of North America, each union investing \$125 in this important project.

3. That this film be considered a special denominational film, similar to the mission film produced by the Sabbath School Department, outside the category of departmental films.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To authorize the following appointments and itineraries of General Conference staff members:

V. G. Anderson--Amarillo, Texas, Texico Conference Workers' Meeting, November 4-8;

M. V. Campbell--Oshawa and Toronto, Canadian Union Committee Meetings and speaking appointments, November 4-13;

J. E. Chase--Dover, Delaware, speaking appointments, December 2, 3;

E. E. Cleveland--Lynchburg, Virginia, speaking appointments, January 27-29;

A. O. Dart--Lincoln, Nebraska, Union College Workshop, January 9-14; New York, Young People's Week of Prayer, March, 1961 (to be arranged);

J. E. Edwards--Canadian Union Departmental Secretaries' Council, Oshawa, November 2-4;

T. R. Flaiz, M.D.--New York City, appear on religious program, National Broadcasting System, November 1, 2; Reading, Pennsylvania, Ministerial-Temperance Training Institute at East Pennsylvania Workers' Meeting, November 3;

J. O. Gibson--Pocono, Pennsylvania, Union Publishing Council, November 2-4; Greater New York, speaking appointments, November 5-7; Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania Allied Youth Convention, November 17-19;

W. J. Harris--Central Union Conference Branch Sabbath Schools and Workshops, March 14-25;

R. R. Hegstad--Ontario-Quebec Conference, Publishing Council, Teachers' Convention, Religious Liberty promotion, etc., November 3-11 (extension of time); Dallas, Texas, Southwestern Union Meeting of Departmental Secretaries, November 14-17;

Harry House--Oshawa, Canada, and Lake Union Conference, Insurance business, November 2-14;

E. L. Minchin, L. A. Skinner--Dallas, Texas, Youth Congress (Union), May 4-7 (in connection with North American Division MV Secretaries' Quadrennial Council, May 9-18);

F. L. Peterson--Lynchburg, Virginia, speaking appointments, November 12-15;

C. E. Randolph, M.D.--Denver, Colorado, Medical-Ministry Meeting, November 4, 5; Southern Union Conference, contact doctors and others, November 9-December 7;

J. V. Scully--Pacific Union Conference, Temperance appointments, including a Council, November 7-16; North Pacific Union Conference, promotion of Temperance work, November 17-23; Canadian Union Conference, Temperance work in colleges, church schools and churches, November 24-December 8;

Clark Smith--Denver, Colorado, Central Union MV Secretaries' Council, November 7-9 (change of place).

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW BOOK--THE SEVENTH DAY:

Howard B. Weeks announced the publication of a new book, entitled The Seventh Day, by Booten Herndon, to be released November 11, 1960, by the McGraw Hill Company. The Review and Herald will handle the book through the Book and Bible Houses. F. D. Nichol reported it as a most amazing book on Seventh-day Adventists, very readable. The last chapter, "Minutes to Midnight," ends with the encouraging note that Adventists consider it "Minutes to Morning."

At 11:15 A.M. the Council voted to adjourn to the call of the Chair, to make way for the legal meetings of the International Insurance Company and the General Conference Insurance Service.

LEGAL MEETINGS: INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY
and GENERAL CONFERENCE INSURANCE SERVICE:

C. L. Torrey called to order at 11:15 A.M. the meeting of the International Insurance Company and the General Conference Insurance Service.

J. W. Peeke, Secretary and Manager, referred to legal notices which had appeared.

It was stated that the term of office for four of their Board of Directors expires this year. Those officers whose terms expire are: W. R. Beach, W. P. Bradley, M. V. Campbell, and C. L. Torrey.

VOTED, To refer to the Nominating Committee of the Autumn Council the filling of the vacancies on the Board of Directors for a term of three years.

The financial statements of the two organizations had been distributed and E. L. Becker read the Auditor's Statement certifying to their accuracy.

VOTED, To accept the Financial Statements as submitted, and certified to by the Auditor of the General Conference.

J. W. Peeke introduced the several underwriters on their staff and the inspector; the originator of the service, W. A. Benjamin, and another of the members of the original board, W. H. Williams. He also mentioned the increase of world-wide service and the great increase in total insurance in force. G. M. Mathews announced a very instructive film on fire protection available through the Insurance Department and which is most effective when shown to our boards to help them in plans for new schools.

Adjournment was taken at 11:35 A.M.

The Council re-convened at 11:35 A.M.

The Statement of Ethics and Operating Principles for Seventh-day Adventist Hospitals, in recommendations from General Conference Officers and Union Presidents, was considered carefully and several amendments were voted. Action on the whole was held over until the afternoon session of the Council in order to allow time for further consideration of at least one item.

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QUESTION OF SMOKING IN OUR MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS:

VOTED, That a representative committee be appointed by the General Conference Officers to give study to the question of smoking in our medical institutions.

Adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Dismissal prayer by H. A. Shepard.

W. E. Murray, Chairman
F. R. Millard, Secretary
Marjorie Marsh,
Assistant Recording Secretary

One Hundred Fifty-Seventh Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, 1960, 4:00 P.M.

Hymn No. 356 in the Church Hymnal, "Am I a Follower of the Lamb?" was sung as the fifth business session of the Council opened.

W. E. Murray was Chairman.

P. W. Manuel, president of Oshawa Missionary College, led in the opening prayer.

EVANGELISM--CO-ORDINATION OF DEPARTMENTS IN:

A series of recommendations from the Plans Committee with regard to Blueprint Evangelism were presented. It was moved and seconded that these recommendations be adopted. V. G. Anderson then spoke of the call being made in the North American Division that at least five hundred major evangelistic efforts be conducted. He spoke of recent meetings with the departmental secretaries, and the effort that is being made to harness all the departments into the working out of our evangelistic program. Representatives from the various departments and association were given opportunity to speak briefly of their endeavors and achievements, as follows:

A. L. White, for the Ellen G. White Publications; E. R. Walde, Radio and Television Department, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., Medical Department; M. E. Loewen, Public Affairs; Wesley Amundsen, Self-Supporting Institutions; W. H. Teesdale, Home Study Institute; G. A. Huse, Publishing Department; G. R. Nash, the Sabbath School Department; F. A. Soper, J. V. Scully, and J. O. Gibson, Temperance Department; H. B. Weeks, Bureau of Public Relations; E. E. Cossentine, Department of Education; J. E. Edwards, the Home Missionary Department; F. L. Peterson, Regional Department; Theodore Lucas, Missionary Volunteer Department; R. A. Anderson, Ministerial Association; also H. M. S. Richards, for the Voice of Prophecy.

Following the dynamic and inspirational reports given by these leaders, with promise of high endeavor for the future, there was placed on the screen,

in red, black, and green colors, in large letters, the following motto:

UNITED ACTION FOR WORLD EVANGELISM

White Publications
On the Air
Right Arm
Liberty
Dedicated Laymen

Enterprise
Vanguard
At Study
Narcotics Education
Good Will
Education
Lay Activities
Ideals
Share Your Faith
Ministry

There was a prompt and earnest response from the delegates, as R. H. Pierson, representing the Southern African Division, E. E. Cleveland, of the Ministerial Association, and B. E. Leach, of the Texas Conference, gave assurance of their support of this co-ordinated program of evangelism, and reported concerning evangelistic work carried on.

The series of recommendations was then adopted as follows:

BLUEPRINT EVANGELISM:

WHEREAS, We believe that God is calling His Remnant Church to arise, to unite its agencies and workers for the purpose of engaging co-operatively in unprecedented and concerted efforts to warn and win and hold for Christ multitudes now resting unwarned in the shadow of impending doom and living in major population areas of the world. (Evangelism, page 25). The end is near. Cities will soon be destroyed by earthquake, fire and flood (Ibid., page 27);

"The inhabitants of the ungodly cities so soon to be visited have been cruelly neglected. The time is near when large cities will be swept away, and all should be warned of these coming judgments." (Ibid., page 29); and

WHEREAS, We believe that large numbers of unconverted persons will accept the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour as God's message of love and salvation comes to them. Many are waiting only to be brought to Christ; and

WHEREAS, We believe also that the majority of God's true people have not yet heard the third angel's message--God's message for this hour. They must hear and understand and decide, and cast their lot with God's Remnant people (Great Controversy, page 390); and

WHEREAS, We believe that the task is so great, the time so short, the work so important, that plans must now be laid and implemented for co-operative and concerted efforts in specific areas, with definite plans to move to other areas to be designated; and

WHEREAS, We believe that the hour has come when we should re-emphasize the divine blueprint for evangelism, as given in the Bible and in the Spirit of Prophecy, and put into operation these heaven-inspired principles with greater zeal;

We recommend, That a world-wide campaign of "Blueprint Evangelism" be organized and carried out in keeping with the following principles and plan of action:

Obligation and Opportunity of the Church

The Church is commanded to go forward--unitedly, co-operatively.

"We need to hear with ears of faith the mighty captain of the Lord's host saying, 'Go forward.' We must act, and God will not fail us. He will do His part when we in faith do ours."--Christian Service, page 110.

But we are instructed that we must go forward unitedly. There is a great necessity for co-operative labor--workers, pastors, church members, agencies, departments, institutions--all working together for God. We are to present a united front. We are to work harmoniously for the accomplishment of one purpose, under the direction of the Holy Spirit. Thus, and only thus, will the work be as successful as God intends it to be.

1. "If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world."--Testimonies, Volume 9, page 221.
2. "The Lord desires His chosen servants to learn how to unite together in harmonious effort."--Evangelism, page 99.
3. "Our work is plainly laid down in the Word of God. Christian is to be united to Christian, church to church, the human instrumentality co-operating with the divine, every agency to be subordinated to the Holy Spirit, and all to be combined in giving to the world the good tidings of the grace of God."--Christian Service, page 14.
4. "Well-defined plans should be freely presented to all whom they may concern, and it should be ascertained that they are understood, then require of all those who are at the head of the various departments to co-operate in the execution of these plans. If this sure and radical method is adopted and followed up with interest and good will, it will avoid much work being done without any definite object, much useless friction."--Evangelism, page 94.
5. "The different parts of the work are to be brought together, piece by piece, to make a complete whole."--Ibid, page 103.
6. "Love of self, pride, and self-sufficiency lie at the foundation of the greatest trials and discords that have ever existed in the religious world. Again and again the angel has said to me, 'Press together, press together, be of one mind, of one judgment.'"--Ibid, page 102.

Objectives of Blueprint Evangelism

Populous Areas to be Worked.--While the whole world is to receive the message of the first, second, and third angels (Evangelism, p. 19), the special objective of "Blueprint Evangelism" between the Autumn Council, 1960, and General Conference session, 1962, is primarily for evangelism in populous areas, to be agreed upon by the officials and committees of union and local conferences. (Blueprint Evangelism does not in any way preclude evangelism in areas other than those to be designated.) That special attention should be given to city evangelism is plainly set forth by the messenger of the Lord:

1. "The Lord desires us to proclaim the third angel's message with power in these cities."--Evangelism, page 40.

2. "My duty is to say that God is earnestly calling for a great work to be done in these cities."--Ibid., page 37.

3. "In the great cities many agencies are to be set at work."--Ibid., page 86.

4. "As a people we need to hasten the work in the cities, which has been hindered for lack of workers and means and a spirit of consecration."--Ibid., page 30.

"Blueprint Evangelism" is a plan for working specially designated areas and chosen cities in a systematic way, with greatly increased emphasis on co-operative and concerted efforts. This calls for longer range planning which includes the obviously vital steps from the preparatory revivals in the local churches of designated areas to the proper establishing of the new converts. At every step there is to be interdepartmental planning and co-operation on conference and church levels, with all missionary activities in the specified areas beamed toward the common objective. Conference presidents, pastors, departmental secretaries, committees, church officers, and members--all must understand what the plan is, what the goal is, what the purpose is--and work together to accomplish it.

"In our large cities a decided effort should be made to work in unity. In the spirit and fear of God the laborers should unite as one man, working with strength and with earnest zeal. There should be no sensational efforts, no strife."--Ibid., p. 42.

"There is need of systematic labor. Where some of you are so long in devising, and planning, and getting ready for the work, Satan preoccupies the field with bewitching fables, and the attention of men becomes absorbed in the delusion of the master deceiver."--Christian Service, p. 75.

Plan of Action

The Five Steps

1. Planning by Conference Committee

a. Appoint "Conference Evangelism Plans Committee," with members to include: president, secretary-treasurer, all departmental secretaries, pastors and Bible Instructors of designated areas, evangelistic personnel who will conduct meetings in designated areas, such members of local church missionary committees as deemed advisable.

"Wise plans are to be laid, in order that such work may be done to the best possible advantage."--Evangelism, p. 59 (see also Id., p. 37).

b. Designate areas and personnel.

Plan accommodations and personnel for public meetings to be held in 1961 and 1962.

c. Plan for proper timing of territory preparation (see sections 2 and 3).

"Why should we delay to begin work in our cities? We are not to wait for some wonderful thing to be done, or some costly apparatus to be provided, in order that a great display be made."--Id., p. 86.

d. Provide finances

"Let not the means at your disposal be spent in so many places that nothing satisfactory is accomplished anywhere."--Id., p. 80.

2. Preparation of the Local Congregation

a. Conduct revivals

"A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work."--Christian Service, p. 41.

"The world will be convinced not by what the pulpit teaches but by what the church lives."--Id., p. 67.

"The ninety and nine sheep are left, and diligent search is made for the one that is lost. The entire effort is made for the unfortunate sheep. So should the effort of the church be directed in behalf of those members who are straying from the fold of Christ. And have they wandered far away? Do not wait till they return before you try to help them, but go in search of them."--Life Sketches, p. 187.

b. Form praying and working companies

"Why do not two or three meet together and plead with God for the salvation of some special one, and then for still another? In our churches let companies be formed for service. . .

"The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort has been presented to me by One who cannot err. . . As they work and pray in Christ's name, their numbers will increase; for the Saviour says: 'If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven.' Matthew 18: 19."--Vol. 7, pp. 21, 22.

c. Conduct training classes

"Many would be willing to work if they were taught how to begin. They need to be instructed and encouraged. Every church should be a training school for workers."--Christian Service, p. 59.

d. Prepare interest files

(Include names of former Seventh-day Adventists)

3. Preparation of Territory

"There are multitudes who will never be reached by the gospel unless it is carried to them."--Id., p. 121.

Prepare the territory by means of:

Advance guard of literature evangelists (includes group canvassing)
 Free literature distribution and sponsored magazine subscriptions
 Radio and television broadcasts
 A broad public relations program through newspapers, service clubs, etc.
 Medical and temperance lectures and rallies
 Visitation program and surveys
 Branch Sabbath school and Sunday schools
 Vacation Bible schools; pastors' Bible classes
 Bible School enrolments
 Community home evangelism
 Dorcas and welfare interests and medical ministry
 Medical and other professional interests
 Voice of Youth efforts and friendship teams

4. Conducting public evangelistic campaigns

5. Following through

"Plans should be made before a field is entered, (as to) how these souls are to be cared for. Who will minister unto these who shall take hold of the truth? They have accepted an unpopular truth. Who will educate them after they learned their ABC's? Who will give the spiritual mold to their experience?

"To labor at considerable expense to bring souls into the truth and then leave them to fashion their own experience according to false ideas they have received and woven into their religious experience, would leave that work far worse than if the truth had never been brought to them. To leave the work incomplete and to ravel out is worse than to wait until there are plans well devised to take care of those who do come into the faith."--Evangelism, pp. 84, 85.

a. Assimilate new converts

Into the spiritual life of the church, by directing them into appropriate worship service, such as Sabbath school and prayer meeting, and the MV meetings for the youth;

Into the missionary activity of the church, providing appropriate training and assignment to working bands;

Into the social fellowship of the church.

b. Enroll young people in our own schools

c. Encourage all to read and to heed the messages in our church prepared books and periodicals.

d. Follow up delayed interests.

Implementation

In brief, "Blueprint Evangelism" is to be a long-range plan of total evangelism through the co-operative, concerted, systematic, spirit-filled efforts of the entire church, a plan that calls for action NOW. Therefore,

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We recommend, That relying upon the certain assurance of God's presence and power in the implementation of this plan, we accept as our goal the conducting of at least 500 major evangelistic campaigns in North America during 1961 and 1962, and that we call upon the divisions of the world field to set similarly challenging goals in their respective fields.

In the morning session a Statement of Ethics and Operating Principles for Seventh-day Adventist Hospitals, as submitted by the General Conference Officers and Union Presidents, was presented and considered. Further consideration was given to the statement, and with certain amendments it was adopted as follows:

STATEMENT OF ETHICS AND OPERATING PRINCIPLES
FOR SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST HOSPITALS:

WHEREAS, The desirability and need for a statement clearly setting forth the ethics and operating principles for Seventh-day Adventist Hospitals is demonstrated by frequent requests for such a statement;

We recommend the following for study and adoption:

Statement of Ethics and Operating Principles for Hospitals
Operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church

1. The purpose and objective of hospitals operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church is to serve the Lord by ministry to mankind:

a. By providing facilities for the treatment of the ill by physicians, nurses, and other qualified personnel, utilizing accepted and scientifically-proved methods.

b. By disseminating a common knowledge of the laws of health, which are the laws of God, to the end that sickness may be avoided.

c. By ministering to the whole man--to spirit as well as to mind and body--thus giving promise, both of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

d. By the conducting of formal training programs calculated to prepare others to share in and to continue this ministry.

2. The accepted pattern of hospital ownership and operation is by the formation of nonprofit, eleemosynary corporations within the appropriate jurisdictions. The constituent membership of these corporations rests on a broad base of Seventh-day Adventist church representation. The membership, at appropriate intervals, elects boards of trustees composed of men responsible for the business of the church and men who are specialists in hospital operation. Ownership of hospitals vests in these corporations, and responsibility of operation and control vests in the boards of trustees. These boards of trustees appoint hospital administrators to implement policies and supervise and direct actual operation.

3. In each hospital a staff is organized as a scientific body in the customary and accepted manner for the practice of medicine within the hospital.

4. All patients admitted for treatment are under the care of a medical doctor of their choice who has privileges in the hospital. In the event of patients being admitted who have no physicians and no preference of physicians, they are assigned to members of the staff who desire to participate, on a rotating basis.
5. Membership on the attending staffs and staff privileges are based solely on education, experience, ethics, moral integrity, and demonstrated ability. The board appoints the staffs annually upon recommendation of the credentials committees of these staffs.
6. The staffs are autonomous bodies operating under their own bylaws, which are subject to the approval of the boards. As such they conduct their own meetings and elect their own officers, et cetera.
7. It is the accepted plan for the hospitals to provide pathology and radiology coverage by some contractual arrangement with competent physicians specializing in these fields. The hospitals consider that these services, while of necessity a part of a total service which the hospitals make available, are the practice of medicine. The hospitals make certain that those rendering these services are identified to the patients by being named on the bills, or by other methods acceptable to all parties concerned. The services of cardiologists to interpret electrocardiograms, and of physiatrists to supervise departments of physical medicine may appropriately be handled and provided in the same manner, should that be desirable.
8. The attitude of the hospitals is one of complete impartiality to all members of the attending staffs.
9. Customarily, the hospitals do not provide within their confines office space for physicians.
10. It is the intent that no less than minimum standards of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals be maintained.
11. The boards of the hospitals and the hospital administrations look to the staffs for counsel and assistance in developing proper rules for practice within the hospitals.
12. While there are no church rules that forbid the surgical interruption of a pregnancy when clinically indicated, nevertheless, in all such instances there must be a full compliance with the rules established by the hospitals and the staffs for proper consultations in determining that such procedures are clinically indicated.
13. It is the conviction of the church that any hospital ought to be an educational institution so that every patient entering has opportunity to learn the laws of health. It is the plan that the hospitals conduct educational programs for the patients in better living, and the counsel of the staffs is solicited in order to keep such programs scientifically sound and accurate.
14. The use of alcoholic beverages on hospital premises is not permitted.
15. The Seventh-day Adventist Church encourages its members, as a matter of health, to follow a lacto-ovo vegetarian diet, believing that there is in such

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less hazard of disease which might be carried by flesh foods. It does not make this a test of church membership, nor does it believe in compelling others in this matter, but does include this in its educational endeavors.

16. It is recognized that sickness and pain know no hours, sacred days, or holidays. Hospitals, therefore, are open to emergency cases all hours of all days. Elective diagnostic services and elective therapies are not scheduled from sundown Friday evening until sundown Saturday evening, and routine business that is not essential to the care of the sick is suspended during these hours.

17. The Seventh-day Adventist Church, in common with many other organizations and individuals, believes that the habit of smoking is detrimental to health. The board and administration of each institution shall establish regulations, for the control of smoking.

18. Hypnosis, resulting in the surrender of control by one mind to another, is not permitted.

19. Church-owned and operated hospitals make a definite effort to encourage and develop in their employees an attitude of Christian kindness, compassion, and Christian service. It is recognized that these are expressed through the lives of Christian people. The employed staffs are encouraged to meet the spiritual needs of the guests and to offer prayer with the patients when the occasion indicates. Emphasis is placed on the great segment of Christian faith which Christendom holds in common. A chaplain is provided to minister to the spiritual needs of the guests as opportunity and discretion indicate. Clergy of all creeds are welcome to visit their parishioners, and full co-operation is extended to them in religious rites and practices. The hospitals endeavor to select employees in such a way as to foster Christian standards and to put in responsible positions those who are sympathetic to such ideals.

20. As situations make it advisable and as clinical material makes it possible, it is the desire and plan that hospitals develop formal training programs such as approved internships and residencies, schools for the training of nurses of various levels, and schools for the training of para-medical personnel.

21. It is the intent that all medical institutions sponsored, owned, or operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church work in close co-operation with their attending staffs, with organized medicine, with the other hospitals and medical agencies in the communities they serve, and with all governmental agencies interested in, or responsible for, the health of these communities to the end that the hospitals become a blessing and help to the areas they serve.

Adjournment was taken at 5:30 P.M., until 10:00 A.M. on October 28, 1960.

Prayer of dismissal by E. E. Cleveland.

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

In the evening meeting, October 27, 1960, from 7:30-9:00 P.M., reports were given by C. P. Sorensen, for the Far Eastern Division, and R. H. Pierson, for the Southern African Division.

Devotional Meeting: The speaker in the Devotional Service on Friday, October 28, 1960, at 9:00 A.M., was F. R. Beach. The topic was "On the Mountain in the Presence of the Lord." He read for the text the command given by the Lord to Elijah at Horeb: "Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord." 1 Kings 19: 11. Elijah obeys and stands upon the mountain in the presence of the Lord. Now Elijah understands the pattern of his life, and accepts the work that was his. Once he stood upon the mountain he experienced two vital advantages which should, which must be ours:

1. He gained vision--and vision makes a difference. "You must scale the mountains if you would view the plain," wrote a Chinese philosopher. When the mountain is scaled, the vision is had--and mighty acts do follow. Vision is essential. Vision enables men to see possibilities where without vision stark impossibilities glare and close doors. Vision eliminates ignorance and prejudice, and substitutes knowledge and action. Men of vision are needed in God's cause today. The times require at the helm men who see and understand and act. The frontiers of the Advent Movement must be pushed back until they embrace "every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." 2. Elijah experienced a second vital advantage as a result of obedience. He not only stood upon the mountain, but he stood "before the Lord." No earthly power, no skill, no learning, no tactical subtlety or acumen in maneuver can take the place of God's abiding presence and sensitivity to it. He who places God at his right hand and walks in His presence will become a partner to a living experience. God wants men who will identify their lives and their purposes with God's life and God's purposes; men to whom He can speak and who can speak for Him. This hour demands a mountain-top experience in the presence of the Lord. Strengthened and enlightened by our God, we will do His work victoriously.

One Hundred Fifty-Eighth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 28, 1960, 10:00 A.M.

The sixth session of the Autumn Council was called to order by Chairman V. G. Anderson.

Opening song: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

Opening prayer: By C. O. Franz.

The following recommendation from the General Conference Officers was presented and voted:

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ORGANIZATIONAL SIMPLIFICATION:

Surveying the needs of the field generally, we recognize that the burden of carrying out resolutions, recommendations, and plans, finally rests on the local field and, specifically, on the pastors of the churches. The tendency, under pressure, has been to increase the general staff, with the hope of meeting needs. This method is proving ineffective in bringing relief where it is most urgently needed, some men in local fields carrying as many as five or more departments. In view of this,

We recommend the strengthening of our work on lower organizational levels by:

1. Conserving funds in the General Conference with no added personnel between now and the General Conference session, excepting possibly filling vacancies when this is urgently necessary; and
2. Urging union and local fields where practical to effect similar economies with the view of strengthening pastoral evangelism within the conferences.
3. Making every effort to continue the elimination of unnecessary expense by careful planning of travel, by simplifying and maintaining at a minimum all bulletins, periodicals, and materials sent from the General Conference office, as well as from union and local offices.
4. Assigning for the General Conference operation a regular budget as is the practice with other organizations dependent on appropriations; and further--

We recommend, That a continuing committee on simplification be maintained until the time of the General Conference session, at which time such recommendations as deemed advisable, may be presented to the session; it being understood that it may also be desirable to make a partial report at the 1961 Spring Meeting.

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

INSPECTION OF MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS:

WHEREAS, The medical missionary activities of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, by reason of growth and development, are now being extended into many new locations both within the North American Division and in the overseas fields; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable that appropriate criteria of operation and standards of service and performance be developed by which the ministry of our medical institutions may be evaluated; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable that a medium be developed for the mutual sharing of knowledge and experience by and between our various medical institutions for the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, It is believed that a regular formal program of inspection and evaluation of our medical institutions and counsel with the leaders by

representatives of the Medical Department, including the rendering of formal reports of findings of such inspections and evaluations to the institutional leaders and chairmen of the respective boards, would contribute to the accomplishment of these objectives and would be helpful in promoting efficiency, fostering unity, and advancing the interests of the church through a more effective medical work; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That the Medical Department of the General Conference be requested to develop general criteria and standards of service and performance for our medical institutions by which their operations may be evaluated.

2. That the Medical Department of the General Conference be requested to inaugurate a program of regular, biennial, formal inspections, and evaluations of our medical institutions both within the North American Division and overseas.

3. That, as far as possible, the medical secretaries of the fields involved or such other representatives as the field's leadership may designate, together with the local administrators of the institutions involved, join with the representatives of the Medical Department in all such inspections and evaluations.

4. That such inspections and evaluations include the following areas of institutional activities:

- General Information
- Quality of Professional Care Being Rendered
- Adequacy of Facilities
- Efficiency of Operation
- Financial Stability
- Spiritual Contribution
- Formal Training Facilities
- In-Service Training Programs
- Research Possibilities and Programs
- Impact of Institution in Community
- Relationship to Denominational Ideals and Policies
- Relationship to other Agencies of Work
- Relationship to Organized Medicine
- Relationship to Governmental Agencies
- Special Programs

5. That formal reports of the findings and recommendations of the inspections and evaluations be prepared and submitted to the administrative leadership of the institutions involved, the chairman of the board, the Medical Secretary of the division, and such other Division or General Conference officials as may desire to receive them.

6. That plans and schedules for such inspections and evaluations of overseas medical institutions be developed in advance with the leadership of the division involved, and be subject always to the approval of the appropriate committees of the General Conference.

7. That plans and schedules for such inspections and evaluations of institutions within the North American Division be developed in advance with the medical secretaries of the union conference wherein such institutions are located and with the leadership of the institutions involved, and be subject always to the approval of the appropriate committees of the General Conference.

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8. That in the North American Division, this program of inspection and evaluation be combined with, and become a part of the biennial internship inspection program, now operative under the Medical Department of the General Conference, insofar as it relates to institutions offering approved internships and/or approved residencies.

The General Conference and Overseas Officers presented a recommendation which was voted as follows:

AIR TRAVEL AND THE USE OF PRIVATE PLANES:

WHEREAS, In practically all areas in which our work is conducted, regularly established air lines provide a vast network making air travel both rapid and economical, and at the same time relatively safe due to the exacting regulations under which they must operate; and

WHEREAS, The cost of owning and maintaining a private plane involves much expense, and its operation demands highly skilled pilots and well qualified technicians;

We recommend, That the ownership and use of private planes in our work be confined to certain areas in which other means of transportation are unavailable or present great difficulties. The purchase or use of planes in such areas shall be approved by the division and the General Conference. A plan shall be drawn up by the division and approved by the General Conference to govern the use or operation of such planes and shall include the following:

1. Any plane authorized for use in the work of the church shall be piloted only by one who is designated by the controlling committee specified by the division and who holds a commercial pilot's license or shall have two hundred hours' flying time and instrument rating.
 2. The plane shall receive periodic government inspections and be officially approved for flight.
 3. Arrangements shall be made for adequate maintenance facilities for keeping the plane in safe flying condition.
 4. The use of the plane shall be limited to the area and to the routes and flights authorized by the controlling committee.
 5. No flight shall be undertaken when adverse weather conditions prevail or when airport authorities advise against it.
 6. For the protection of the denomination the organization authorizing the operation of the plane shall be responsible to see that adequate insurance is taken out to cover plane, pilot, and passengers. In view of the protection provided by this insurance, the pilot and passengers shall sign a waiver releasing the denomination from any additional liability in case of accident. Parent or legal guardian shall sign the waiver on behalf of minors.
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From the Plans Committee the following recommendations were presented and adopted:

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:

Extension Division

WHEREAS, Practically every Sabbath School has members who because of distance, age, infirmity, or Sabbath duties are not able to enjoy the privileges of meeting regularly with the Sabbath School;

We recommend, That the extension division leader by telephone, letter, or personal visitation keep in touch with all members who are unable to attend Sabbath School regularly; and that where the extension division of a Sabbath School is too large for one leader properly to care for it, assistant leaders be appointed by the Sabbath School Council, with a suggested ratio of one leader for every ten members of the extension division.

Home Missionary and Sabbath School Departments
in Local Conferences

We recommend, That in conferences where the Sabbath School Department and the Home Missionary Department are both under the leadership of one secretary, consideration be given to placing these departments under separate leadership whenever the conference membership reaches approximately 6,000.

Earliteen Sabbath School Lessons

We recommend, That an Earliteen Division, comprising the ages 13, 14, and 15 be provided in the Sabbath School and that lessons for this division be prepared by the Sabbath School Department to be ready for use beginning January 1, 1962.

Earliteen Lessons in Youth's Instructor

We recommend, That the Youth's Instructor carry the Earliteen Division lessons of the Sabbath School, and that we request the editors of this journal to carry these lessons beginning January 1, 1962 as at the present time they carry those for the Youth Department.

Earliteen Lesson Quarterly

We recommend, That a separate Earliteen Lesson Quarterly be published for the Sabbath School Department, with arrangements for publishing to be left with the Officers of the General Conference.

Missing Members

WHEREAS, Many of our church members are missing the spiritual blessing that comes through faithful attendance at Sabbath School, causing them to become indifferent and in some cases to lose their hold upon God;

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We recommend, 1. That the year 1961 be designated "Total Membership Year," and that our pastors be urged to join with the Sabbath School officers and teachers in a concerted effort to do everything possible to encourage missing members to become regular attendants at Sabbath School.

2. That in harmony with recommended procedure, the membership superintendent (assistant Sabbath School superintendent designated as membership superintendent) keep an up-to-date membership file, and that this be reported at each regular meeting of the Sabbath School Council, so that intelligent plans may be made for enrolling every church member in the Sabbath School and assigning missing members to classes as prospective members.

3. That all Sabbath School classes be kept small (twelve to fifteen members), with a teacher who will faithfully follow the suggested procedure on the new class record cards, assigning members to visit absent members, prospective or regular, to ascertain the reason for their absence and to encourage them in faithful Sabbath School attendance.

4. That all Sabbath School teachers be faithful in their responsibility of personal visitation of each member of their class, especially absent members.

5. That suggested form letters be prepared which may be copied and made personal and suitable for sending to absent members when personal visitation is not possible.

6. That a few copies of our Sabbath School "We Missed You" post cards with necessary postage attached, be made available inside the class record envelopes to be passed out, addressed, and mailed promptly to absent members when personal visits are not possible.

Report of Sabbath School Members Baptized

WHEREAS, We believe that one of the first steps toward church membership should lead into the Sabbath School;

We recommend, 1. That all pastors and evangelists be urged to enroll all baptismal candidates in the Sabbath School before baptism.

2. That where practicable, the new interests be enrolled in the pastor's special Bible class, using the specially-prepared Pastor's Bible Class Quarterly.

3. That our local Sabbath School secretaries be instructed to check with the church clerk each quarter and report as accurately as possible the number who were already Sabbath School members before baptism.

Investment Offering

WHEREAS, The Sabbath School Investment Offering has proved to be a most successful method of raising funds for our world mission program--bringing in \$676,636.67 during 1959; and

WHEREAS, This is our hour of unparalleled opportunity, with unanswered calls and openings abounding in all mission fields around the world;

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We recommend, 1. That we request the Sabbath School Department to promote in a most effectual manner the "Investment Offering"--realizing that this is one offering that comes through the wonderful prospering hand of God as a direct result of our investing for Him.

2. That we set as our goal for the world field for the year 1961, one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to be raised through the Investment Offering.

3. That we request our conference workers and Sabbath School officers to encourage and lead the church membership everywhere into a 100 per cent participation in this worthy project.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT:

Annual Bible-Evangelism Crusade

WHEREAS, Bible Evangelism, the proclamation of the saving gospel of Jesus Christ in the form of Bible studies, cottage meetings, and public preaching, is the heart and substance of our Lord's parting challenge to the devotion and zeal of His followers and the supreme concern of His chosen people; and it is the indisputable justification for our very existence as a church; and

WHEREAS, We deeply sense the need of strengthening Bible Evangelism in our church missionary program by leading our people into greater soul-winning service through Bible studies, cottage meetings, and lay-preaching, thus fulfilling the glorious revelation given to the messenger of the Lord when she saw "hundreds and thousands visiting families, and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest" (Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 126);

We recommend, 1. That conferences give consideration to a definite time of the year to be designated for a Bible Evangelism Crusade, during which all missionary activities of the local church shall be fully geared to Bible Evangelism by means of Bible studies, cottage meetings, and lay preaching, and in areas where a public evangelistic campaign is in progress the crusade be integrated with that campaign.

2. That the beginning of the Bible Evangelism Crusade for North America be the third Sabbath of the month of February, 1961, and thereafter the first Sabbath of February of each year.

3. That the length of the Bible Evangelism Crusade be ten to twelve weeks.

4. That all lay members be encouraged to take part in the Bible Evangelism Crusade according to their abilities, realizing that "every Christian is bound to be a Bible worker, to do something in imparting to others the great present truth for this time." (General Conference Bulletin, Vol. 3, No. 2, dated April 11, 1889)

5. That this Crusade begin with a week of revival meetings, and that throughout the entire evangelistic program a high spiritual tone be maintained by appealing to our people to remember the Crusade daily in their prayers, and that, in connection with the weekly prayer meeting, encouragement and counseling in Bible Evangelism be given our people.

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6. That coinciding with the Crusade, Bible Evangelism be given special attention in all our church publications.

7. That the suggested Crusade dates for North America in 1961 be as follows:

Rally Sabbath	February 18
Revival Week	February 18-25
Consecration Service	February 25
Soul-Winning Training	
Course Week	February 25-March 4
Bible Evangelism Crusade	March 4-May 6
Decision Meetings	May 6

8. That overseas fields designate a similar annual period for this special Bible Evangelism Crusade, the exact time of the year to be set by the respective responsible committees.

Strengthening the Church Missionary Organization

WHEREAS, "Time is short and our forces must be organized to do a larger work" (Christian Service, p. 72); and

WHEREAS, We have been given the following clear counsel, "The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort has been presented to me by One who cannot err" (Testimonies, vol. 7, pp. 21, 22);

We recommend, That the following steps be taken to strengthen the church missionary organization in all our churches:

1. That each Church Missionary Committee work out a plan whereby every member can be enlisted in some line of missionary service in harmony with the following instruction: "Every one who is added to the ranks by conversion is to be assigned his post of duty." (Christian Service, page 74.)

2. That all band leaders be supplied with the Home Missionary leaflets dealing with their work.

3. That each band leader be supplied with the magazine Go to keep him in touch throughout the year with the church missionary program of the denomination, and to prepare him for stronger missionary band leadership, and that the cost of these Go subscriptions be provided from the church's missionary fund.

Ingathering Objectives

WHEREAS, The Ingathering appeal presents one of the greatest missionary opportunities of the church in house-to-house contacts; and

WHEREAS, These contacts and the devotion to missions on the part of workers, members, and even our children may well affect the destiny of millions around the world; and

WHEREAS, We have been admonished that "only a moment of time, as it were, yet remains. ... now that we are standing upon the very verge of the eternal world, holding the truths we do, having so great light, so important a work, we

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we must double our diligence" (Christian Service, pages 52 and 79);

We recommend, 1. That the soul-winning objective "baptisms from each church from Ingathering contacts," be emphasized in all our churches.

2. That workers and members engaging in the Ingathering campaign be urged to carry the Donors' Record Sheet on which to note the names and addresses of persons showing an interest, and that missionary literature be used to follow up these interests.

3. That each of the world divisions set a higher Ingathering objective for Ingathering attainments for the 1961 campaign, and that the field objective for North America for the 1961 campaign be increased to \$5,250,000.

4. That the individual Ingathering goal for the North American membership, under the designation of Silver Vanguard, remain at \$25.

Tenth Anniversary of Go

WHEREAS, The year 1961 will be the Tenth Anniversary of the publication of Go, the Journal for Adventist Laymen; and

WHEREAS, This laymen's missionary magazine is exerting an important influence on the missionary activities of the church, and is destined to play a much larger part as the circulation increases and reaches more members;

We recommend, That a circulation objective for this Tenth Anniversary Year of the Go magazine be set at 25,000 and that we put forth an earnest endeavor to increase the circulation of this publication, not only by placing it in the hands of all who lead the soul-winning activities of the church, but also by encouraging more of our laymen to subscribe for it, thus providing them with the information and inspiration for greater soul-winning endeavors.

SUPPLYING THE MINISTRY TO SUSTENTATION BENEFICIARIES:

WHEREAS, There is a need, often expressed to us in letters from the field, for keeping our ministerial sustentation beneficiaries in touch with our world work through The Ministry magazine,

We recommend, That The Ministry magazine be offered, or supplied by organizations desiring to do so, to sustentation beneficiaries, at the special student subscription rate.

The Working Policy Committee presented the following recommendations which were voted:

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CO-ORDINATION:

WHEREAS, The Medical Board of Co-ordination, as provided for in the Working Policy, is inactive and the work it was established to do is now cared for in other ways;

We recommend, That the section in the Working Policy, p. 93, entitled "Medical Board of Co-ordination," be deleted.

INSURANCE OF DENOMINATIONAL PROPERTY:

We recommend, That the following revisions be made in the section entitled "Insurance of Denominational Property," Working Policy, pp. 203-205:

1. At top of page 204, substitute for the words "fire or windstorm" the words "fire and other perils."

2. In paragraph 5 of page 205 delete the word "similar" so that the sentence will read: "Reciprocals and assessable companies are not recommended."

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE IN NORTH AMERICA:

We recommend, 1. That the words "in North America" be deleted from the title on page 205, so that the title will read: "Public Liability Insurance."

2. That in the first sentence under "Public Liability Insurance," page 205, the phrase "in many States" be deleted, so that the sentence will read: "In view of the fact that there is a definite trend away from charitable immunity," etc.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE:

WHEREAS, The staffs of our denominational organizations are enlarging from year to year; and

WHEREAS, With enlarged staffs the incidence of injury and incapacity is proportionately increased; and

WHEREAS, The financial responsibility for the support of injured or incapacitated individuals and their families may unnecessarily become a drain on the financial resources of a conference or institution involved;

We recommend, 1. That denominational organizations in North America be encouraged to secure coverage under Workmen's Compensation and Employers' Liability on all denominational employees including Literature Evangelists.

2. That this principle be applied in the various divisions according to the need and the legal provisions applicable in each country or area.

FIRE PROTECTION IN DENOMINATIONAL BUILDINGS:

We recommend, The adoption of the following statement:

Fire safety is dependent upon a balanced combination of good building construction, proper attention to safeguards for special hazards, adequate fire extinguishing facilities, and a well organized fire and evacuation procedure. It

is further evident that prevention of loss of life or personal injury by fire should be the first objective of all fire protection. The following guiding principles and important protective steps applicable in North America are herewith set forth with the understanding that overseas division committees will prepare a policy in keeping with the minimum codes of the respective countries and insert these in the division working policies.

1. New Construction

a. In the construction of new buildings a definite effort shall be made to meet the requirements of a fire-resistive construction.

b. All architects engaged to draw plans for any denominational building should be instructed to use as their minimum code the National Fire Codes, particularly Vol. III and Vol. V published by the National Fire Protection Association, Boston 10, Massachusetts. These two volumes deal with building construction and equipment and electrical wiring. A statement to the effect that the blueprints conform to these codes, and any local codes which are more stringent, should be included in the specifications for the building.

c. New frame construction of more than one story without direct exits should not be considered unless totally protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

2. Existing Buildings

a. With regard to the major remodeling of existing buildings counsel should be sought from the General Conference Insurance Service before construction begins in order to avoid as far as possible unsafe fire practices.

b. Automatic sprinkler systems should be planned for and installed in at least the basement and hallways of existing combustible construction.

c. All open stairways in existing buildings should be enclosed or have fire doors installed in such a way to close off each floor. Such construction should have a minimum fire-resistance of thirty minutes and doors should be either double swinging or installed to swing with the exit traffic. They should be equipped with self-closing devices to keep them closed at all times.

d. A rigid rule should be followed prohibiting the wedging of doors in the open position.

e. Approved fire extinguishers of the proper type and quantity should be placed throughout the premises.

f. Electrical wiring, especially extensions to lamps and appliances and fusing of circuits should be closely supervised, and defective wiring should be replaced promptly.

3. Dormitories and Other Sleeping Quarters

a. All dormitories should have fire alarms, with manual and automatic controls in stair and hallway areas along which heated gases from a fire would travel.

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b. Sleeping quarters, such as dormitories not of fire-resistive construction should all be completely supplied with proper sprinkler systems.

c. Sleeping areas should have fire escapes unless they are served by two or more well separated and completely enclosed interior stairs leading to the outside ground level. All outside fire escapes should be the stair type only.

ALLOWANCES FOR ADOPTED CHILDREN:

We recommend, ^{the} That in Working Policy, p. 187, at the end of the last full sentence and before the sentence beginning "In case a worker", the following be inserted: (See limitation applying to the rights of adopted children, p. 157, paragraph 3.)

ADOPTION OF CHILDREN BY FAMILIES, BY SINGLE WORKERS:

We recommend, 1. That page 157 of the Working Policy, paragraph 3, be revised to read: "Missionary families without children of their own may adopt two children, and those with one child may adopt one other child to whom transportation to and from the field, furlough privileges, child allowance, and transportation within the field shall apply."

2. That following paragraph 3 this sentence be inserted:

The above policy relating to child allowances and other financial provision for adopted children applies only to missionary families and not to cases where children are adopted by single ladies.

CHANGE OF TERMINOLOGY--"EDUCATIONAL ALLOWANCES":

We recommend, 1. That in the Working Policy, pages 158, 159, the expression "educational allowances" be changed to scholarship grants wherever it occurs in the section "Education of Older Children."

2. That in the policy entitled "Educational Allowances" appearing on page 248 of the Working Policy, all references to these allowances be changed to "scholarship grants" so that the section will read:

"Scholarship Grants to Dependents of Workers.--In the North American Division, the children of heads of families in permanent, full-time denominational employment, who are enrolled in Seventh-day Adventist schools on elementary, secondary, or liberal arts college levels, or technical or professional schools on the undergraduate level, may be eligible to scholarship grants on the following basis:

"1. The organization employing the student's parent may pay basic tuition charges--not to include charges for special music lessons (except that fees for private music lessons may be included for music majors or minors up to the normal tuition charge for full work) or laboratory fees--of up to 50 per cent of the tuition for dormitory students and 25 per cent for those not in the dormitory.

"2. The student in whose behalf the scholarship is granted must be an unmarried dependent of the worker, and must be in attendance at a denominational school serving his territory. Exceptions to this rule shall be made only by action of the contributing organization.

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"3. The organization granting the scholarship under the terms of this policy shall make payment directly to the school for credit to the account of a student who is enrolled in an academy or college. The method of payment for those attending elementary or intermediate schools shall be arranged by the organization making the grant."

FURLOUGH POLICY:

We recommend, That the following paragraph be inserted in the Furlough Policy, Working Policy, page 163:

Only workers and members of their families who are regularly placed under appointment by the General Conference Committee qualify for furlough or leave of absence privileges. The privilege is not extended to any who may go to a mission field solely on their own initiative, or for personal reasons such as marriage to a student or a worker from another division.

BIRTHDAY OFFERINGS:

We recommend, That the paragraph entitled "Birthday Offerings," appearing on page 226 of the Working Policy, be deleted.

At 11:15 A.M. the Council adjourned to the call of the Chair, in favor of a legal meeting of the International Temperance Association and the American Temperance Society.

TEMPERANCE MEETINGS:

M. V. Campbell, President, called the legal meeting of the International Temperance Association at 11:15 A.M., as announced.

W. A. Scharffenberg, Executive Secretary, introduced the staff who spoke of the various phases of the work of the association. The magazine Alert, launched in 1950, sets a pattern by which the National Temperance Societies throughout the world can start publications of their own. Samples of the magazine were shown in many languages. In many parts of the world the temperance feature opens the way for our work and the entrance of missionaries. Through the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism and the establishment of Institutes of Scientific Studies large numbers of influential men and women in various levels of society have given their co-operation and financial support. A. F. Tarr, of Northern Europe, E. J. Johanson, of Australia, and E. W. Pedersen spoke briefly on the value of the temperance work in opening the doors to hitherto unentered areas of service.

The meeting was adjourned in favor of a meeting of the American Temperance Society, according to announcement.

This society handles a quarter of a million dollars annually, and is making an impact on many leading men of the nation. Listen magazine is being widely used in high schools, in broadcasting, and in reprints requested. Ministerial-Temperance Institutes are being inaugurated. Word of appreciation was expressed for the co-operation given the Department in all phases of the temperance work.

Adjournment was taken at 12:00 noon.

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At 12:00 noon the Council session resumed business.

Further recommendations from the Working Policy Committee were considered and the following voted:

OPERATING CAPITAL AND CASH REQUIREMENTS:

We recommend, That the section entitled "Union and Local Conference Financial Policies" appearing on page 231 of the Working Policy be revised to read as follows:

"Operating Capital and Cash Requirements
Local and Union Conferences in North America"

1. Operating Capital shall be defined as the amount of current assets over the total of all liabilities and net worth reserves.
2. The operating capital of local conferences in North America shall be not less than 20 per cent of the operating expense of the latest complete fiscal year, including tithe percentages. Cash and negotiable securities shall be maintained at a level sufficient to cover all liabilities and net worth reserves, plus at least 50 per cent of the required operating capital.
3. The operating capital of union conferences in North America shall be not less than 30 per cent of the operating expense of the latest complete fiscal year, including tithe percentages. Cash and negotiable securities shall be maintained at a level sufficient to cover all liabilities and net worth reserves.

Adjournment at 12:30 P.M. until 3:00 P.M.

Closing prayer by K. H. Emmerson.

V. G. Anderson, Chairman
E. W. Dunbar, Secretary
Marjorie Marsh
Assistant Recording Secretary

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GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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

Opening prayer by J. E. Chase.

Recommendations presented by the Working Policy Committee were considered and with amendments adopted as follows:

FINANCIAL POLICIES:

We recommend, That changes and amendments to the Financial Policies appearing in the Working Policy, be made as follows:

1. On p. 202, revise par. 7 to read: In providing for trust funds and reserve funds, the following forms of investment shall be recognized in the order given: (a) Savings Banks; (b) obligations of the United States Government; (c) Savings and Loan Association deposits; (d) safe and readily negotiable securities.

2. On p. 210, change the title "Division Financial Policies and Funds," to read: "Overseas Division Financial Policies and Funds."

3. On p. 212, amend par. 1-a to read: ". . . on the basis of 20 per cent of the operating expense of the latest complete fiscal year."

4. On p. 212, amend par. 1-d to read: ". . . but shall be held as capital with which to carry on the business of the organization."

5. On pp. 195, 196, amend par. 23-a, second sentence, also 24-a, second sentence, to read: ". . . This indebtedness is to include not only notes payable and mortgages, but all accounts payable including inter-organizational accounts, less net bona fide current assets on hand after providing from cash resources for trust fund and reserve fund obligations. . . ."

ADVANCE STUDY ARRANGEMENTS - WORKERS ON FURLOUGH IN NORTH AMERICA:

We recommend, That the following amendments be made to the "Advance Study Arrangements-Workers on Furlough" policy appearing on pp. 175-76 of the Working Policy:

1. Amend par. 42-c to read: "The worker and the division shall share equally tuition and laboratory fees. . . cost of textbooks, the graduation fee, and the expense of preparing a thesis up to a maximum allowance of \$75 on a Master's degree and \$125 on a Doctor's degree, and local transportation by public conveyance from his place of residence to the school."

2. Amend the latter part of par. 43 to read: "...cost of textbooks, the graduation fee, and the expense of preparing a thesis up to \$150 on a Master's degree and \$250 on a Doctor's degree, and local transportation. . . "

MARRIED WOMEN -- SUSTENTATION:

We recommend, That par. 56, p. 260 of the Working Policy, be amended to read:

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

TRANSFER OF WORKERS BETWEEN DIVISIONS

FREIGHT AND OUTFITTING ALLOWANCES:

We recommend, That par. 4 of the policy "Transfer of Workers Between Divisions" appearing on p. 144 of the Working Policy, be revised to read:

"4. When a worker is called during his term of service in an overseas division directly to another division, the calling division shall meet the transportation of the worker and his family to his new field, including freight and outfitting allowances, and the total expense and salary during his furlough when it becomes due in harmony with the furlough policy."

MISSIONARIES ATTENDING ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

We recommend, That in line 4 of par. 8, p. 238 of the Working Policy, the word "wife" be replaced by "family," making the sentence to read: "In the case of foreign missionaries who are authorized to attend Andrews University while on furlough in North America, the sending division shall pay the transportation of the worker and his family 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."

MEDICAL APPOINTEE APPROVED RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM:

We recommend, That the following be inserted after the second sentence of par. 7 of the "Medical Appointee Approved Residency Training Program" policy, Working Policy, p. 94: The Physician under this plan shall also be entitled to rent subsidy, automobile depreciation and automobile insurance.

CHURCH MISSIONARY COMMITTEE AND CHURCH MISSIONARY LEADER:

We recommend, That approval be given for the following revisions in the Church Manual to be presented for adoption at the time of the next General Conference Session:

1. Par. 1, p. 129, include church temperance secretary in the list of members of the Church Missionary Committee.

2. Insert at end of par. 1 this paragraph: This committee which includes representatives of the various departments with missionary responsibility cooperates with the respective departments of the conference in planning and carrying out its various missionary programs in the local church.

3. Delete par. 5, p. 130, which reads: "To cooperate with the conference home missionary secretary in carrying out the plans of the conference."

The Finance Committee submitted recommendations which were adopted as follows:

FIXED RATES OF EXCHANGE 1961

We recommend, That the following be the Fixed Rates of Exchange for 1961:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	1961 <u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>in Local Currency</u>	1961. <u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>(U.S. \$)</u>
<u>Australasia</u>			
Australia	Australian £		\$2.24
Fiji	Fijian £		2.54
New Caledonia & Society Islands	Pacific Franc	86.35	.011581
New Zealand	New Zealand £		2.80
<u>Central Europe</u>			
Germany	Deutschemark: West	4.16667	.24
Germany	Deutschemark: East	20.00	.05
Saar	French Franc	4.90	.204
	Deutschemark: West	4.16667	.24
<u>Far East</u>			
British North Borneo	BNE \$	3.00	.33 1/3
Brunei	Malayan \$	3.00	.33 1/3
Cambodia	Riel	70.00	.014285
Federation of Malaya	Malayan \$	3.00	.33 1/3
Hong Kong	Hong Kong \$	5.65	.176991152
Indonesia	Rupiah	45.00	.02222222
Japan	Yen	358.422	.00279
Korea (South)	Hwan	1,200.00	.0008333
Laos	Kip	80.00	.0125
Macao	Pataca	5.65	.17699115
New Guinea	Guilder	3.7037	.27
Okinawa	Dollar	1.00	1.00
Philippine Islands	Peso	3.20	.3125
Sarawak	Sarawak \$	3.00	.33 1/3
Singapore	Malayan \$	3.00	.33 1/3
Taiwan	Taiwan \$	38.00	.026315789
Thailand	Baht	21.00	.0476190476
Viet Nam	Plaster	75.00	.01333
<u>Inter-America</u>			
Bahamas	Pound		2.80
Barbadoes	Dollar	1.6949	.59
British Guiana	Dollar	1.6949	.59
British Honduras	Dollar	1.42857	.70
Colombia	Peso	6.8965	.145
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
El Salvador	Colon	2.50	.40
French West Indies	Metropolitan Franc	4.90	.204
Guatemala	Quetzal	1.00	1.00
Haiti	Gourde	5.00	.20
Jamaica	Pound		2.80

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<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>1961 Fixed Rate in Local Currency</u>	<u>1961 Fixed Rate (U.S. \$)</u>
<u>Inter-America (concluded)</u>			
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
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 £		2.40
Iran	Rial	75.00	.0133333
Iraq	Dinar		2.80
Jordan	Pound		2.80
Libya	Pound		2.80
Lebanon	Lebanese £	3.1250	.32
Sudan	Sudanese £		2.80
Syria	Syrian £	3.3333	.30
Turkey	Turkish Lira	9.00	.11111
<u>North America</u>			
Bermuda	English £		2.80
Canadian Union	Dollar	1.00	1.00
<u>Northern Europe</u>			
Denmark	Krone	6.6666	.15
Ethiopia & Eritrea	Dollar	2.43902	.41
Finland	Markka	333.333	.003
Ghana	Ghana £		2.80
Great Britain	English £		2.80
Iceland	Krona	37.00	.027027
Ivory Coast	Colonial Franc	245.00	.0040816
Liberia	Dollar	1.00	1.00
Netherlands	Guilder	3.7037	.27
Nigeria	West African £		2.80
Norway	Krone	6.6666	.15
Poland	Zloty	95.00	.010526315
Sierra Leone	West African £		2.80
Sweden	Krona	5.00	.20
<u>South America</u>			
Argentina	Peso	75.00	.013333
Bolivia	Boliviano	11,600.00	.00008620689
Brazil	Cruzeiro	160.00	.00625
Chile	Escudo	1.00	1.00
Ecuador	Sucre	16.00	.0625
Paraguay	Guarani	117.00	.008547
Peru	Sol	25.00	.04
Uruguay	Peso	9.00	.1111

<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	1961 <u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>in Local Currency</u>	1961 <u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>(U.S. \$)</u>
<u>Southern Africa</u>			
British E. Africa, Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda	East African Shilling	7.14285	\$.14
Congo	Congolese Franc	50.00	.02
N. & S. Rhodesia	Rhodesian £		2.80
Nyasaland	Rhodesian £		2.80
S. African Union	South African £		2.80
S. African Union	South African Rand		1.40
<u>Southern Asia</u>			
Burma	Kyat	4.7619	.21
Ceylon	Rupee	4.7619	.21
Nepal	Rupee	4.7619	.21
Pakistan	Rupee	4.7619	.21
India	Rupee	4.7619	.21
<u>Southern Europe</u>			
Angola	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	4.90	.204
French Cameroons	Colonial Franc	245.00	.0040816
French Equatorial Africa	Colonial Franc	245.00	.0040816
Greece	Drachma	30.00	.0333
Hungary	Forint	11.627	.086
Israel	Israeli £	1.80	.5555
Italy	Lira	625.00	.0016
Madagascar	Colonial Franc	245.00	.0040816
Mauritius	Rupee	4.7619	.21
Mozambique	Escudo	27.78	.036
North Africa	French Franc	4.90	.204
Portugal	Escudo	27.7777	.036
Reunion	Colonial Franc	245.00	.0040816
Rumania	Leu	142.8571	.007
Spain	Peseta	60.00	.016667
Switzerland	Swiss Franc	4.2553	.235
Yugoslavia	Dinar	300.30	.00333

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY ALLOTMENTS

We recommend, That the following be the allotments for the American Bible Society for 1961:

<u>Unions</u>	<u>1959 Net Tithe</u>	<u>Allotments</u>
Atlantic	3 023 713 34	986 85
Canadian Union	1 423 862 47	465 75
Central Union	2 504 561 11	819 45
Columbia Union	5 381 773 30	1 759 05
Lake Union	4 758 692 36	1 555 20
Northern Union	1 366 796 83	445 50
North Pacific Union	4 772 615 31	1 560 60
Pacific Union	11 765 826 66	3 846 15
Southern Union	4 269 511 13	1 399 95
Southwestern Union	2 025 879 26	661 50
Totals	41 293 231 77	13 500 00

CAMP PASTORS' AND SERVICEMEN'S CENTERS ALLOTMENTS

We recommend, That the 1961 allotments for Camp Pastors and Servicemen's Centers be as follows:

<u>Unions</u>	<u>1959 Tithe</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Atlantic Union	3 023 713 34	1 953 82
Central Union	2 504 561 11	1 616 58
Columbia Union	5 381 773 30	3 475 15
Lake Union	4 758 692 36	3 073 58
Northern Union	1 366 796 83	882 95
North Pacific Union	4 772 615 31	3 081 30
Pacific Union	11 765 826 66	7 593 85
Southern Union	4 269 511 13	2 756 95
Southwestern Union	2 025 879 26	1 307 69
Totals	39 869 369 30	25 741 87

C M E BUILDING FUND ALLOTMENTS

We recommend, That the following be the allotments for the CME Building Fund for 1961:

<u>Unions</u>	1959 <u>Net Tithes</u>	1961 <u>Allotments</u>
Atlantic	3 023 713 34	7 168 00
Canadian	1 423 862 47	3 374 00
Central	2 504 561 11	5 936 00
Columbia	5 381 773 30	12 754 00
Lake	4 758 692 36	11 277 00
Northern	1 366 796 83	3 241 00
North Pacific	4 772 615 31	11 319 00
Pacific (Not based on tithes)		60 000 00
Southern	4 269 511 13	10 122 00
Southwestern	<u>2 025 879 26</u>	<u>4 809 00</u>
Totals	29 527 405 11	130 000 09

<u>Sanitariums</u>	1959 <u>Gross Patient Income</u>	
Boulder	560 094 19	290 00
Florida	2 015 084 25	990 00
Forsythe	213 212 80	100 00
Glendale	3 791 466 66	1 860 00
Hinsdale	1 340 172 46	660 00
New England	1 336 138 87	650 00
Paradise Valley	1 706 838 69	850 00
Porter	2 236 691 58	1 100 00
Portland	2 174 252 78	1 070 00
Rest Haven	207 352 44	100 00
St Helena	1 129 865 40	550 00
Walker Memorial	444 065 15	220 00
Walla Walla	424 352 36	200 00
Washington, D.C.	<u>2 769 398 70</u>	<u>1 360 00</u>
Totals	20 348 986 33	10 000 00
General Conference		<u>90 000 00</u>
Total allotments for 1961		230 000 00

OAKWOOD COLLEGE SUBSIDY

We recommend, That the following be the allotments for the Oakwood College Subsidy for 1961:

	<u>1959 Tithe</u>	<u>2% Allotment</u>
Atlantic Union		
Northeastern Conference	607 310 84	12 146 22
Central Union		
Central States Conference	141 961 97	2 839 24
Columbia Union		
Allegheny Conference	693 947 56	13 878 95
Lake Union		
Lake Region	371 076 45	7 421 53
Northern Union		
Minnesota, Minneapolis Church	10 116 53	202 33
North Pacific Union		
Portland, Oregon church	8 521 32	170 43
Seattle, Washington church	16 414 14	328 28
Pacific Union		
Arizona	12 532 39	250 65
Central California	56 278 70	1 125 57
Nevada-Utah	2 850 36	57 00
Northern California	90 241 11	1 804 82
Southeastern California	91 202 72	1 824 05
Southern California	273 758 89	5 475 18
Southern Union		
South Atlantic Conference	376 637 28	7 532 75
South Central (4%)	238 091 42	9 423 65
Southwestern Union		
Southwest Region Conference	<u>159 411 14</u>	<u>3 188 22</u>
Totals	3 150 352 82	67 668 87

RADIO AND TELEVISION ALLOTMENTS

We recommend, That the following be the allotments for Radio and Television for 1961:

Unions	Net Tithes		Radio	Television
	1956	36%		
Atlantic	2 455 186 04	8 838 67	1 264 49	7 574 18
Canadian	1 078 616 10	3 883 02	555 51	3 327 51
Central	2 030 855 98	7 311 08	1 045 95	6 265 13
Columbia	4 497 081 80	16 189 49	2 316 12	13 873 37
Lake	4 080 471 51	14 689 70	2 101 56	12 588 14
Northern	1 112 041 59	4 003 35	572 73	3 430 62
North Pacific	3 936 658 64	14 171 97	2 027 49	12 144 48
Pacific	8 890 990 78	32 007 57	4 579 12	27 428 45
Southern	3 435 431 77	12 367 55	1 769 34	10 598 21
Southwestern	<u>1 619 498 82</u>	<u>5 830 20</u>	<u>834 09</u>	<u>4 996 11</u>
	33 136 833 03	119 292 60	17 066 41	102 226 20

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A further series of recommendations was presented from the Plans Committee, and with amendments these were adopted as follows:

WORLDWIDE TEMPERANCE PROMOTION:

WHEREAS, The temperance reform movement is an integral part of the third angel's message and an effective entering wedge for the everlasting gospel; and

WHEREAS, The writings of the Spirit of prophecy give the following counsel to the church:

1. "In all our large gatherings we must bring the temperance question before our hearers in the strongest appeals and by the most convincing arguments."
--Temperance, p. 239

2. "The evil (of intemperance) must be more boldly met in the future than it has been in the past." --Ibid., p. 239

3. "The temperance question is to receive decided support from God's people."
--Ibid., p. 249,

We recommend, 1. That all our English-speaking workers be urged to make a careful study of the great principles of temperance set forth in the Spirit of prophecy book, Temperance, and thus become fully informed of the part temperance is to play in the final evangelization of the world preparatory to the return of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

2. That the Spirit of Prophecy Committee of the General Conference and the Board of Trustees of the Ellen G. White Estate give consideration to the early publication of Temperance in as many major languages as possible.

3. That division committees continue the organization of a national temperance society in every country within their respective division territories, and that these organizations adhere to the general principles outlined in the constitution of the International Temperance Association.

4. That in harmony with the instruction of the Spirit of prophecy that "every member among us should sign the pledge and be connected with the temperance association," we encourage division committees to designate one Sabbath each year as Commitment Sabbath, preferably in the early part of the year, for the promotion of the annual pledge-signing campaign and membership drive, enlisting every Seventh-day Adventist as an active member of our temperance organization.

5.a That we continue to organize and foster a chapter of our temperance society in every college, academy, and church school; and that we appeal to our school administrators to intensify their chapter activities so that our youth may not only find their own protection from the evil of intemperance, but may through their active participation become a positive influence for helping other youth.

b. That each division fix a certain time to be observed in all its educational institutions as Temperance Week.

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6. That in our large gatherings, at our camp meetings, and in our evangelistic efforts, the temperance question be presented before our hearers in the most convincing manner, calling upon men and women, and especially the youth, to take their stand for total abstinence and to add their active support to the cause of Christian temperance.

7. That we promote World Temperance Sabbath, which comes on the last Sabbath in October, in an effective manner throughout the world field, calling the attention of our people to the importance of this phase of the message, encouraging them not only to support the temperance cause with their means, but also to take an active part in every effort to control, restrict, or prohibit the manufacture, distribution, sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages, illegal use of narcotics, and tobacco in any form.

National Temperance Societies--Organizational Principles

We recommend, That Division Committees adhere to the following general principles of organization in the launching of national temperance societies:

1. The local, union or division committees, as the case might be, shall serve as the Board of Governors for the respective national organization: e.g.
 - a. When a conference, such as the Belgian Conference, serves the entire country, the Belgian Conference Committee would serve as the Board of Governors for the Belgian Temperance Society.
 - b. When a union, such as the Japan Union, serves an entire country, then the Japan Union Committee would serve as the Board of Governors for the Japan Temperance Society.
 - c. If, on the other hand, a division, such as the Central European Division, serves an entire country, then the Central European Division Committee would serve as the Board of Governors for the German Temperance Society.
2. The local, union or division president shall serve as president of the society; the temperance secretary as executive secretary of the society; and the treasurer as treasurer of the society.
3. Individual membership fees shall be set by each organization in consultation with the division committee.
4. Members of the national organization shall subscribe to the purpose of the society and pay the required annual membership fee.
5. Membership shall not be limited to Seventh-day Adventists, but shall be open to all temperance-minded people of the country.
6. Each National Society shall plan to bring out regularly a temperance publication; the size, format, and frequency of publication to be determined in consultation with the division committee.
7. It is furthermore suggested that the respective division committees, in harmony with the general church calendar, designate one Sabbath, preferably in the

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early part of the year, as Commitment Day to launch the annual pledge-signing campaign and membership drive, and set aside the last Sabbath of October each year as World Temperance Sabbath in which to promote a special temperance day program and offering.

8. Ten per cent of all funds received by the national society shall be remitted quarterly through the respective union or division organization to the General Conference to the credit of the International Temperance Association for the promotion of the temperance cause throughout the world field. The remaining funds shall be divided between the various organizations as each division may determine.

SECURING ENROLLMENTS FOR RADIO-TV CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS:

The special committee on Departmental Simplification presented a recommendation with regard to securing of enrollments for Radio-TV Correspondence Schools. It was

VOTED, To hold this recommendation for further study, with the thought it may be considered at the 1961 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee.

COST OF NURSES' EDUCATION:

On authorization of the 1957 Autumn Council a committee was set up on the cost of nurses' education. The committee made a report on the peculiar aspects of the costs involved in nursing education. Another committee was appointed to interpret these technical findings, and to consider any possible evaluations or changes that should be made. This latter-named committee has not been able to make a sufficient survey to submit a report to this Autumn Council.

VOTED, That the committee appointed to interpret the technical findings of the cost of nurses' education, and to make recommendations, be authorized to bring in a report to the 1961 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee, or to the 1961 Autumn Council.

DEPARTMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES-- LISTING PERSONNEL IN YEARBOOK:

A statement was made concerning the listing of the personnel of the Departmental Advisory Committees in the Yearbook. Suggestion has been made that a more uniform method be followed in listing the Advisory Committees. However, there are problems involved which concern the overseas fields. It was

VOTED, To refer to the Officers of the General Conference for study with the overseas division representatives the personnel of the Departmental Advisory Committees and their listing in the Yearbook, to make recommendation to the General Conference Committee.

Announcements were made.

Adjourned at 4:00 P.M. until 10:00 A.M., October 30, 1960

Closing prayer by W. E. Murray

V. G. Anderson, Chairman
E. W. Dunbar, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

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In the Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church, Sabbath afternoon, October 29, 1960, from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M., three reports were given, as follows: W. B. Ochs, for the North American Division; J. J. Aitken, for the South American Division; and A. F. Tarr, for the Northern European Division.

Devotional Meeting: The speaker for the Devotional Service on October 30, 1960, at 9:00 A.M., was W. E. Murray. He spoke on the subject of "Strength Through Unity." We know what unity is. As Christian believers when we come into the church we have a great degree of unity in our hearts. We are baptized in the name of the Spirit; we have the spirit of unity. We must recognize that today is the day for great unity in our midst. There must be a great amount of unity among us as we finish the work. We need a fuller unity as we face the closing season of the world's history. Reading from Ephesians 4: 1-3, Elder Murray said, Those words teach us that Christian unity is an integral part of the Christian life. What a wonderful thing it is to know that in the truth of God there is a growth to experiment!

Separate the atoms which make the hammer and each would fall on the stone as a snowflake, but welded into one and wielded by the firm hand of the quarryman the hammer breaks the massive rocks. Divide the waters of Niagara into drops and they would be no more than the falling of rain, but combine them and they light distant cities and turn the powerful machinery of industry. There is nothing that can happen to an army like a break-through in the lines. May God grant there will be no break-through in the line of Seventh-day Adventist ministers. He read from Testimonies, volume 5, page 488: "Press together, press together! In union there is strength and victory; in discord and division there is weakness and defeat. These words have been spoken to me from heaven. As God's ambassador I speak them to you." Let us unite our hands and heart and we will soon see the finishing of God's work, and then we can go home and be with Him throughout eternity.

One Hundred Sixtieth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 30, 1960, 10:00 A M

The eighth session of the Autumn Council convened at 10 o'clock with song and prayer. W. B. Ochs served as Chairman for the day.

Further recommendations from the Plans Committee were considered, and it was voted to adopt the following:

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PROPHETIC GUIDANCE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE:

WHEREAS, The new 24-lesson Prophetic Guidance Correspondence Course now available to Seventh-day Adventists through the Voice of Prophecy Prophetic Guidance School opens before us an unprecedented opportunity to lead our church members into a better understanding of the Spirit of Prophecy and to establish them more firmly in the third angel's message, and

WHEREAS, Carefully devised long-range promotional plans are essential if we are to bring this unique course to the attention of all Seventh-day Adventists in North America, and are to secure the large enrollment it deserves;

We recommend, 1. That we call on the presidents of our local conferences to assume the responsibility for a continuing promotion of the Prophetic Guidance Correspondence Course within their fields.

2. That within the local conference, we request:

a. That conference committees be strongly urged to devise plans at an early date for local promotion of the Prophetic Guidance Course in all the churches for the purpose of (1) strengthening the faith of our members in the Spirit of Prophecy and (2) actively promoting enrollments and encouraging students in the Prophetic Guidance Course. (A kit of helpful materials for those thus engaged may be secured on request from the Ellen G. White Estate for use in each local conference.)

b. That pastors and church leaders be encouraged to arrange for Prophetic Guidance study groups, as a special project or in connection with the midweek services, and that either the pastor himself or a person of proven church loyalty, sound judgment, and unquestioned spirituality and experienced in teaching be selected to conduct the course.

3. That we urge evangelists, pastors, and Bible instructors to give special attention to the enrollment of

a. Members of baptismal classes whose backgrounds have prepared them for these lessons, new church members, and if possible, those who have been former Seventh-day Adventists; and

b. Graduates of other Seventh-day Adventist correspondence courses who understand the reasons for our faith but who have not taken their stand for it.

4.a. That a representative of each union conference committee, preferably the president, prepare an article for the union conference paper, promoting the Prophetic Guidance Correspondence Course and urging a strong enrollment response in the fall and winter months ahead, and that the Spirit of Prophecy Committee be asked to arrange for appropriate promotional articles to appear in other journals of the church.

b. That local conference presidents, from time to time prepare articles about the Prophetic Guidance Course to appear in the union papers.

5. That an attractive six-page envelope size folder giving information concerning the Prophetic Guidance Correspondence Course and embodying a last-page

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tear-off application blank, be prepared for continuing promotion and that it be included in the "New Believer's Kit" and that copies be supplied for general distribution to our members on 1961 Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath.

6. That the Prophetic Guidance Correspondence Course be particularly emphasized in all of our churches in North America on Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath, May 20, 1961

COMMITTEE TO STUDY DEVELOPMENT OF EVANGELISTIC PROGRAM:

VOTED, That a representative committee be appointed to give serious study to the various aspects of evangelism, with the idea of developing a strong evangelistic program, this committee to report to the Spring Meeting, 1961.

1961 SPOTLIGHT ON THE BIBLE:

WHEREAS, the 1960 North American Youth Congress has aroused a greater interest in the Bible, especially among the youth,

We recommend, That 1961 be designated in MV societies throughout the world field as Bible Emphasis Year, and that this Bible emphasis be implemented in the following ways:

1. Chapter-a-day Bible Reading Plan
2. Bible chapter memory plan
3. Fireside Bible evangelism
4. Bible marking plan
5. Bible Quiz feature
6. Community Bible survey
7. Union-wide youth Bible conferences.

ALCOHOL DESOCIALIZATION MOVEMENT:

WHEREAS, The polls and surveys that we have conducted in various parts of the world indicate that the vast majority of people drink because of social pressures; and

WHEREAS, We have been admonished by the servant of the Lord to present the total abstinence pledge to men in high positions;

We recommend, 1. That we endorse the movement sponsored by the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism, to desocialize alcoholic beverages, by inviting heads of state and other leading officials to sign the Declaration of Purpose banning the serving of alcoholic beverages at all social parties and state functions for which they may be personally responsible;

2. That we invite every division temperance secretary, and every union conference temperance secretary in North America to secure the signatures of five leading officials in his area in 1961 to the Declaration of Purpose;

3. That an attractive Award of Merit plaque be prepared by the Temperance Department for presentation to officials who have signed the Declaration of Purpose, as a recognition of their action.

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CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND OFFERINGS FOR 1962
(1961 Calendar previously voted)

	1961	1962
<u>January</u>		
Home Missionary Day (New Year Opportunities)	January 7*	January 6*
Church Missionary Offering	January 7	January 6
Religious Liberty Campaign	January 14-21	January 13-20
Religious Liberty Offering	January 21*	January 20*
<u>February</u>		
Christian Home and Family Altar	February 4*	--
Christian Home Week	February 4-11	--
Home Missionary Day (Bible Evangelism Crusade)	--	February 3*
Church Missionary Offering	February 4	February 3
Faith for Today Offering	February 11	February 10
Christian Home and Family Altar	--	February 17
Christian Home Week	--	February 17-24
Temperance Commitment Day	February 25	February 24
<u>March</u>		
Visitation Evangelism (Home Visitation)	March 4*	March 3*
Church Missionary Offering	March 4	March 3
Sabbath School Rally Day	March 11	March 10*
Missions Advance Offering	March 11	March 10
Missionary Volunteer Day	March 18*	March 17*
Missionary Volunteer Week	March 18-25	March 17-24*
<u>April</u>		
Literature Evangelism	April 1*	--
Church Missionary Offering	April 1	--
Missionary Magazine Campaign (Special price to prevail during April and May)	April 1-30	April 1-30
Church Missionary Offering	--	April 7*
College of Medical Evangelists Offering=	April 8	April 14
<u>May</u>		
Dorcas and Welfare Evangelism	May 6*	May 5*
Church Missionary Offering	May 6	May 5
Disaster and Famine Relief Offering (1961)	May 13	--
Servicemen's Literature Offering (1962) (Alternating with Disaster and Famine Relief)	--	May 12
Spirit of Prophecy Day	May 20*	May 19*
<u>June</u>		
Home-Foreign Evangelism	June 3*	June 2*
Church Missionary Offering	June 3	June 2
Oakwood College Offering	June 10..	(August 11)
Christian Record Offering (Alternates with North American Missions Offering)	--	June 9
<u>July</u>		
Medical Missionary Day	July 1*	July 7*
Church Medical Missionary Offering	July 1	July 7
Midsummer Missions Service and Offering	July 8*	July 14*

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August

Pioneer Evangelism (Dark County)
 Church Missionary Offering
 Educational Day and Elementary School Off'g
 Oakwood College Offering

1961
 August 5*
 August 5
 August 12*
 (June 10)

1962
 August 4*
 August 4
 August 18*
 August 11

September

Literature Evangelists Rally Day
 Church Missionary Offering
 Missions Extension Day and Offering
 MV Pathfinder Day
Review and Herald Campaign

September 2*
 September 2
 September 9*
 September 16*
 Sept. 16-Oct. 14

September 1*
 September 1
 September 8*
 September 15*
 Sept. 15-Oct. 13

October

Neighborhood Evangelism
 (Autumn Home Visitation Day)
 Church Missionary Offering
 Voice of Prophecy Offering
 Sabbath School Visitors' Day
 Community Relations Day
 Temperance Day Offering (Shared with local
 fields)

October 7*
 October 7
 October 14
 October 14
 October 21
 October 28*

October 6*
 October 6
 October 13
 October 13
 October 20*
 October 27*

November

Witnessing Laymen (Consecration Service)
 Church Missionary Offering
 Review and Herald Campaign
 Week of Prayer
 Week of Sacrifice Offering
 Ingathering Campaign

November 4*
 November 4
 November 1-30
 November 11-18*
 November 18
 November 25, '61
 -Jan. 6, 1962

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 November 3
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 November 10-17*
 November 17
 November 24, '62
 - Jan. 5, 1963

December

Home Missionary Day
 Church Missionary Offering
 North American Missions Offering
 (Alternates with Christian Record Offering)

December 2*
 December 2
 December 9

December 1*
 December 1
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*Special Program Provided

Thirteenth Sabbath Offering

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March 25
 June 24
 September 30
 December 23

March 31
 June 30
 September 29
 December 22

We recommend, That time be provided once each quarter in the church missionary meeting or in the ten-minute missionary service for the promotion of Christian education, with the following dates suggested for 1962: March 31, June 23, August 18, November 3.

We recommend, That the following changes and additions be made in the Church Calendar for 1961:

Review and Herald Campaign
 Sabbath School Visitors' Day
 Community Relations Day
 13th Sabbath Offering

Sept. 16-Oct. 14
 October 14
 October 21
 December 23

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY YEAR - 1961:

WHEREAS, We recognize the undisputed value of the Spirit of prophecy in molding the life and the character of the individual church members, in building strong home influences, and in fortifying Seventh-day Adventists for the crucial experiences before them, and

WHEREAS, We recognize the unique place of the Spirit of prophecy in strengthening and unifying the church, and

WHEREAS, Our three publishing houses in North America have united in a generous arrangement, making possible a 20% discount in the retail price of E. G. White books throughout 1961, thus encouraging their widespread distribution;

We recommend, 1. That 1961 be designated as "Spirit of Prophecy Year" throughout the world.

2. That Seventh-day Adventist workers unite during 1961 in a worldwide endeavor to encourage a better understanding of the Spirit of prophecy, a deeper appreciation of this precious gift, and a more diligent study of its counsels, and in so doing:

a. That our church members be strongly urged to take advantage of this rare opportunity to secure for their home libraries such of the E. G. White books that they do not have, thus providing in their homes for ready access the full range of Spirit of prophecy counsels.

b. That pastors, evangelists, Bible instructors, church elders, and institutional administrators, give attention to calling our churches and institutions to a careful, systematic study of the Spirit of prophecy counsels.

c. That recognition be given to the unique place of the Prophetic Guidance Correspondence course in leading to a sound concept of the place and operation of the gift of prophecy in the church and that the strongest possible support be given to the enrollment of our church members.

3. That we encourage our overseas divisions to participate in "Spirit of Prophecy Year" not only by taking advantage of the liberal discount arranged by the American publishers on the books they supply, but also in granting special discounts on all the E. G. White books published within their fields in the languages of the people and by giving these books special promotion in 1961.

4. That during "Spirit of Prophecy Year" we strongly urge overseas divisions to lay long-range plans.

a. To make the American printings of certain selected E. G. White trade books available to their English reading membership on a "Spirit of Prophecy Book of the Year" basis at prices within the buying range of such members.

b. To make any and all of the English E. G. White books available to national workers who read the English at prices comfortably within their buying power, and thus capitalize on this promising potential of widening the influence of the Spirit of prophecy writings.

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5. That in view of the serious times in which we live and the high personal standards which the church must reach before she is prepared to meet her Lord, this Autumn Council appeal to both workers and laity alike to make the 1961 "Spirit of Prophecy Year" a time to search their hearts in review of their own personal relationship to the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy, especially as the counsels touch closely on everyday life and practice and our witness to the world concerning our faith.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE PREVENTION OF ALCOHOLISM:

WHEREAS, The International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism, a nonsectarian and nonpolitical organization, is dedicated to launching a worldwide educational program in behalf of total abstinence; and

WHEREAS, The 1960 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee approved procedures in undertaking the extension of the work in the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism and the organizing and conducting of Institutes of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism;

We recommend, 1. That we endorse the work and program of the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism in harmony with the procedures established by the 1960 Spring Meeting of the General Conference.

2. That our division, union, and local conferences encourage their secretaries to take an active part in the setting up of state, provincial, or national committees, and in the establishing and conducting of Institutes of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism.

3. That when a division, union, or local conference committee desires to take the initiative in setting up a regional block, a national, provincial, or state committee for the prevention of alcoholism, or establishing an Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism, careful consideration be given to the entire project; and that the division, union, or local conference concerned, after having secured the support and co-operation of leading physicians, educators, clergymen, and other professional men, work out a plan assuring active financial support and participation in the project.

4. That when the plan and application has been approved by the controlling committee, as provided in the 1960 Spring Meeting action of the General Conference, that the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism be notified, and invited to set up a regional block, a national committee, a provincial, or state committee, or an Institute of Scientific Studies, as the case may be, assuring them of our wholehearted support and cooperation in the project.

INSTITUTES OF SCIENTIFIC STUDIES:

WHEREAS, We have been instructed by the Spirit of prophecy "that God's messengers shall call the attention of statesmen, of editors, of thinking men everywhere, to the deep significance of the drunkenness and the violence now filling the land with desolation and death," --Temperance, p. 25; and

WHEREAS, The program of the Institutes of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism is focusing the spotlight of science on the effects of

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even small quantities of alcohol on the physical, mental, and moral powers of the individual as well as its effects on the social, economic, political and religious life of the nation, and calls attention to medical, educational, religious and legal measures that have been effectively used to check the rise and spread of alcoholism; and

WHEREAS, Our temperance secretaries, educational and evangelistic workers, who have attended these schools have become better qualified to lead out in an aggressive educational program in behalf of total abstinence in their local communities; and

WHEREAS, Men and women of talent, ability and high position not in the church have been reached and trained by these schools for active service in the promulgation of Christian temperance;

We recommend, That we set as our minimum goals for attendance at one or the other of the Institutes of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism conducted annually at the College of Medical Evangelists in Loma Linda, California and at the American University in Washington, D.C.

1 faculty member from each college
 1 student officer from each college chapter
 1 academy principal from each union
 1 evangelistic worker from each union
 10 ministerial workers from each union in which the Institutes are conducted, and

1. That the temperance society in each conference, as a missionary project, offer a fellowship grant covering a round trip railroad coach fare, and the matriculation and tuition fees, to one non-Adventist each year to attend the Institute of Scientific Studies.

2. That such persons be chosen from professional men, educators, and business men who have shown a keen interest in temperance.

~~3. That in order to enable conference temperance secretaries to become more fully qualified for their work and keep pace with rapidly changing trends and scientific developments, conference committees give study whereby arrangements may be made for them to attend an Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism at least every third year.~~

4. That division committees give study to formulating a plan by which selected workers will have an opportunity to attend an Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented.

H P BLOUM'S RESIGNATION:

The Secretary presented a letter from H. P. Bloum tendering his resignation as Associate Auditor of the General Conference, for health reasons.

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VOTED, That we accept with regret the resignation of H. P. Bloum as Associate Auditor of the General Conference, and that we express to him our sincere appreciation for his many years of faithful, efficient service in the denomination.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATE AUDITOR:

VOTED, That we refer the filling of the position made vacant by H. P. Bloum's resignation as Associate Auditor of the General Conference, to the General Conference Committee for action.

GENERAL VICE-PRESIDENT OF GENERAL CONFERENCE:

VOTED, That we refer to the 1962 Quadrennial Session the election of a fourth General Vice-President.

POLICY COMMITTEE--RECOMMENDATION RE GENERAL VICE PRESIDENTS:

VOTED, That the General Conference Working Policy Committee give study to a possible revision of the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws to the effect that the indication regarding General Vice-Presidents of the General Conference be worded "up to four General Vice-Presidents."

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

REQUEST ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATE SECRETARY:

VOTED, That we not accede to the request of the Department of Public Affairs that an additional associate be added at the present time.

BOARD OF REGENTS

VOTED, That the following named persons be elected to the Board of Regents to fill the two vacancies expiring in 1960: W. T. Will, as an academy representative; Miss Mazie A. Herin, to represent the General Conference Medical Department.

The Council adjourned temporarily in favor of other legal meetings for which the Nominating Committee had a report.

INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION:

The Vice-President, W. E. Murray, called to order the meeting of the International Religious Liberty Association, and motion was made by W. A. Nelson, seconded by C. H. Kelly, and carried, as follows:

VOTED, 1. That the following deletions be made from the Voting Membership of the International Religious Liberty Association: N. F. Brewer, J. A. Buckwalter, W. B. Hill, C. S. Longacre, F. W. Schnepper.

2. That the following named persons be added to the Voting Membership of the International Religious Liberty Association: R.G. Campbell, M. K. Eckenroth, R. R. Hegstad, B. E. Leach, Cyril Miller, A. E. Millner, Cree Sandefur, E. W. Tarr, Neal C. Wilson.

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3. That the Board of Trustees of the International Religious Liberty Association be as follows:

President: M. V. Campbell
 Vice-President: W. E. Murray
 Secretary: M. E. Loewen
 Associate Secretaries: W. M. Adams, R. R. Hegstad,
 E. W. Tarr, H. B. Weeks
 Other Members: W. R. Beach, O. A. Blake, C. O. Franz,
 G. A. Huse, D. L. Michael, W. B. Ochs,
 C. E. Palmer, Neal C. Wilson

The meeting of the International Religious Liberty Association was adjourned.

INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY AND
 GENERAL CONFERENCE INSURANCE SERVICE

The meeting of the International Insurance Company and General Conference Insurance Service was convened, with C. L. Torrey, President, in the chair.

VOTED, That the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted, and that to fill the terms expiring in 1960 on the Board of Directors, the following persons be re-elected for the three-year term: W. R. Beach, W. P. Bradley, M. V. Campbell, C. L. Torrey.

The meeting of the International Insurance Company and General Conference Insurance Service was adjourned.

The Autumn Council session re-convened.

Announcements were made regarding further appointments for the day.

Prayer of dismissal by A. L. White.

W. B. Ochs, Chairman
 W. R. Beach, Secretary
 Marjorie Marsh,
 Assistant Recording Sec.

One Hundred Sixty-First Meeting

General Conference Committee

October 30, 1960, 2:00 P.M.

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

The opening prayer was offered by A. L. Ham.

A further series of recommendations were presented from the Finance Committee and with amendments were adopted as follows:

FREIGHT ADJUSTMENT ALLOWANCE:

We recommend, 1. That paragraph 3 of the "Freight, Insurance, and Customs Charges" policy, appearing on p. 152 of the Working Policy, be amended to read as follows:

In cases where appointees elect to take to the mission field less than the freight allowance provided for above, division committees shall compensate the appointee in cash in the currency of the country which he leaves at the rate of \$20 per hundred pounds or its equivalent value in local currency, covering the unused portion of his authorized freight allowance.

2. That the last sentence of par. 1 of the "Rehabilitation Policy" appearing on pages 187-188 of the Working Policy, be amended to read as follows:

In case a worker does not elect to take home the full freight allowance provided above he shall be compensated in cash at the rate of \$20 per hundred pounds on the difference between the freight actually carried and the maximum allowance.

NARCOTICS EDUCATION WORKERS - SUSTENTATION:

WHEREAS, The Narcotics Education, Inc., program, although under a separate board, is working very closely with the General Conference Temperance Department; and

WHEREAS, There are consecrated men with years of denominational service who have a burden for temperance education who would like to join in the Narcotics program provided they would not lose their sustentation eligibility;

We recommend, 1. That the service of office workers of Narcotics Education Inc., be counted on these workers' sustentation record.

2. That the service of field representatives of Narcotics Education, Inc., be counted on these workers' sustentation credit on the same service requirements as for literature evangelists; the working hours shall be a minimum of 30 hours per week, 120 hours a calendar month for a man, or 100 hours a calendar month for a woman, the time being computed on a year of 10 months, or a minimum of 1200 hours for men and a minimum of 1000 hours for women, this being the aggregate time from at least 40 reports per annum.

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3. That Narcotics Education, Inc., be requested to pay into the fund $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ on their net sales.

The overseas Division Presidents presented an expression of thanks which was adopted as follows:

AN EXPRESSION OF THANKS:

As the representatives of the Overseas Divisions we express to the union and local conference presidents of the home bases, particularly those in the North American Division, and through them to the membership of all of our churches, our grateful thanks for their very generous and constant support of the cause of missions.

We recognize that the work at home calls for continual expansion and that the flow of both men and means to the mission field represents large sacrifice and considerable self-denial.

This spirit of sacrifice on the part of both leaders and members in the home bases brings great cheer to the hearts of those responsible for conducting our mission program. It gives assurance that the church and its leadership remain faithful to the great commission to carry the third angel's message into all the world.

CENTRAL EUROPEAN DIVISION - MISSION TERRITORY:

We recommend, 1. That we recognize the need of mission territory on the part of the Central European Division, and that a special committee be appointed to give study to the matter and make recommendation, in consultation with the Central European Division.

2. That the General Conference Committee be empowered, with the concurrence of the divisions concerned, to make assignment of mission territory to Central Europe upon the recommendation of the above-mentioned committee.

3. That the countries of Somalia and Somaliland be suggested for consideration.

A Committee appointed by the Home and Overseas Officers presented the following Message to the World Field, which after consideration and certain changes was adopted:

To the Advent Family Around the World

Dearly Beloved:

From the headquarters of the Advent Movement we send to you Christian greetings. For the past week we have been here attending the biennial Autumn Council. This Council held midway between General Conference sessions, is a most important meeting. We have been listening to reports from the leaders of our ten Divisions, which represent every continent and myriad islands of the sea. We have heard of

problems and perplexities, but, thank God, we have also heard of progress and pioneering victories. We have been sobered by the recital of the almost insuperable obstacles that our troublous times have placed in the way of mission work in some areas. But we have rejoiced at the stories of audacious faith that has hurdled the obstacles and won new advances for the kingdom. God is going before His people. This cheering fact stands out as we survey the world field. It is gloriously evident that hitherto hath the Lord led us.

We have also been impressed with this joyous truth: In a world torn with suspicion and filled with dire forebodings, we can have peace of heart, a sense of spiritual direction, and a feeling of quiet fellowship with the family of the Advent Movement. As our late, revered Elder Spicer loved to say, "It is a good family to belong to." And the more troubled the times, the more meaningful should the Advent Movement become to us. Let us never forget that this Movement began, not by accident, but by the will of God. Divinely launched, divinely directed, it is God's agency to bring to men a final message of life in the last great hour of earth's history.

We have not followed cunningly devised fables. Fulfilling prophecies give us stronger and ever stronger reason to believe that the Advent Movement is of God. If the devil could succeed, by suspicions and criticism, to break our ranks he would exultantly gain a major victory. But that victory he will not gain. The messenger of God comforts us with the promise: "The church, enfeebled and defective, needing to be reprov'd, warn'd and counseled, is the only object on earth upon which Christ bestows His supreme regard."--Testimonies to Ministers, p. 49. "God has a church upon the earth, who are His chosen people, who keep His commandments. He is leading, not stray offshoots, not one here and one there, but a people." --Ibid, p. 61.

Great is the work that we must do--a world work for God. We can do it only as we stand united. Let us find no room in our hearts for the corrosive acids of doubt or discord. In union there is strength, the strength so vital to the successful completion of our heaven-appointed task.

As we have studied the world field for 1961, we are impressed anew that the opportunities for expansion greatly exceed our present and anticipated receipts. A spirit of sacrifice launched the Movement--poverty and patched clothes were its hallmark. There is no substitute for sacrifice if we are to measure up to our opportunities. God opens the doors. We walk in on sacrificial tread. Greater faithfulness in tithe, greater liberality in offerings, these are two solemn challenges to us today.

In these tumultuous times you are much in our thoughts. You live in many lands and under many different governments. While our hearts are bound as one in holy allegiance to our God above, we must never forget that we each owe a very real and continuing loyalty to the country in which we dwell. Adventists should be the best citizens of the land--no matter what land--dedicated to law-obedience, and high citizenship. The holy Scriptures command us to honor dignitaries, to pray for them and for the peace of the land. Let none have occasion to question us, unless it be in the matter of relationship to our God.

The hour is late, the last, last hour of earth's history. And the night is dark, for darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people. But, thank God, the morning is near at hand, and through the darkness shine the bright rays of the day-star that betoken the soon return of our Lord. To be ready for that

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great day is the hope of every true Adventist, the goal of his living, the reason for his ardor, devotion and sacrifice. And so we commend to you, even as we accept for our own hearts, the appeal of Holy Writ: "Seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless." II Peter 3:14.

May the blessing of God be upon you in sustaining grace and overcoming victory. And may the benediction of Heaven be upon your children, your little ones. Let us make ready to go to Heaven as united families.

Yours in the Blessed Hope,

The Autumn Council of the General
Conference Committee

A further series of recommendations from the Finance Committee were considered, and adopted as follows:

SUSTENTATION FUND PERCENTAGES
SANITARIUMS AND PUBLISHING HOUSES:

We recommend, That as a policy the sanitariums and publishing houses of North America shall pay annually into the General Conference Sustentation Fund sufficient to cover the disbursements from the fund for sustentees for these organizations; and that for 1961 the percentage of payments on the salary payroll for sanitariums be raised from 3% to 4.8%, and publishing houses from 10% to 11.4%; it being understood that these percentage figures shall be reviewed annually.

The Committee on Frequency of Departmental Meetings, appointed by the Officers, presented a series of recommendations which were adopted as follows:

FREQUENCY OF DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS:

The Committee reviewed briefly the attendance at recent Advisory Committee meetings and at the quadrennial Educational Council in Miami. The function of the various meetings was touched upon, and it was emphasized that attendance at the quadrennial Departmental Councils and the Annual Advisory Committees of the departments should be kept at a minimum in planning the meetings. It was also pointed out that attendance should be restricted to those who are officially invited.

In planning the meetings, these should be coordinated as between departments so as to decrease the necessity of travel. The suggestion was made that the scheduling of these meetings, including the attendance, be reviewed at the Autumn Council of 1961.

From the discussion emerged several proposals upon which there was general agreement:

Home Missionary and Sabbath School Departments

We recommend, That the Home Missionary Advisory Committee meetings be held in connection with the annual meeting of the Ingathering Editorial Committee, and that the Sabbath School Department arrange their Advisory Committee in connection with these meetings so that the schedule for four years would be:

1. In the General Conference year, meetings shall be limited to the departmental meetings held in connection with the General Conference session, and there shall be no separate Advisory Committee meetings.
2. The two Departmental Councils shall be held together once during a quadrennium. In that year there shall be no separate Advisory Committee meetings.
3. During the other two years, Sabbath School and Home Missionary Advisory Committees shall meet in Washington, D.C. in connection with the Ingathering Editorial Committee meeting.
4. The Radio and Tv Department meeting shall be coordinated into these meetings as seems practicable.

Publishing Department

We recommend, The holding of the meeting of the Publishing House Book Planning Committee in conjunction with the Publishing Department Advisory Committee meeting in 1961; and that as far as possible, these meetings be held jointly in subsequent years.

General Conference Session 1962

We recommend, That there be a moratorium on all departmental conventions and Advisory Committees during the General Conference year 1962 except as these may be held in connection with the General Conference session, either preceding or following that session.

Educational and Missionary Volunteer
Quadrennial Councils

The desirability of holding the quadrennial councils of the Educational and Missionary Volunteer Departments together was discussed and the opinion prevailed that this could be arranged.

The Committee on Wage Scale Items, appointed by the Officers, presented the following recommendations which were adopted:

CLASSIFICATION OF MAJOR PUBLISHING HOUSES OVERSEAS

We recommend, That an overseas publishing house with a minimum of one hundred full-time employees whose territory comprises two or more union fields be classified as a major publishing house as pertains to the overseas wage scale.

PERCENTAGE WAGE SCALE FOR OVERSEAS

We recommend, That the General Conference Officers appoint a committee to

study the overseas percentage wage scale and report at the time of the next General Conference Session.

The statement on Sabbath Observance, which had been referred to a committee for amendment and to report back, was given consideration. With certain changes it was adopted as follows:

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

Throughout our history, Seventh-day Adventists have joyfully observed the seventh-day as the Sabbath of the Lord our God, who created us and later redeemed us by His blood. But because of the ever increasing complexities of our modern age our members are at times perplexed to know how rightly to relate themselves to certain problems that arise in connection with Sabbath observance. These problems are many and varied and therefore cannot be dealt with in detail in a general statement.

In urging our world membership to a more careful observance of God's holy day, we call attention to the following:

All 24 hours of the Sabbath are equally sacred. This is clear in the word of God and also the counsel of the Spirit of Prophecy emphasizes it.

"From even unto even shall ye celebrate your Sabbaths." (Lev. 23:32)

"We should jealously guard the edges of the Sabbath. Remember that every moment is consecrated, holy time." --Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 356

"You should not rob God of one hour of holy time." --Ibid, vol.2, p. 702

Any work that it would be wrong to engage in at noon on the Sabbath would be equally wrong to engage in just within the borders of the Sabbath day.

"The Sabbath law forbids labor on the sanctified rest-day of the Lord. The toil that gains a livelihood must cease; no labor for worldly pleasure or profit is lawful upon the Lord's day." --The Spirit of Prophecy, vol. 2, p. 164.

"Be it loss or gain from a worldly point of view, it will not alter one jot or tittle of God's claims in the fourth commandment. The name of every transgressor, with the character of the offense, is written against the offender in the books of heaven." --MS 34, 1897

"If we violate the letter of the fourth commandment for our own advantage from a pecuniary point of view we become Sabbath-breakers and are guilty of transgressing all the commandments, for if we offend in one point we are guilty of all." --Testimonies, vol. 1, p. 532

There are, of course, certain kinds of labor that are always lawful on the Sabbath day such as the care of the sick. The Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy are clear that we may render a service wholly in keeping with the Sabbath in caring for the sick. This is true of the doctor visiting those who must have his attention on the Sabbath, and of our nurses and others in our medical institutions caring for the sick. However, we would counsel our administrators in all

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institutions, constantly to be on their guard to hold down to the very minimum even necessary labor on the Sabbath day.

Jesus said the Sabbath was made for man. It was given to us by the Lord as a sign that He is our Maker and our Redeemer (Eze. 20:12, 20). It was given to us for our good. It was given to us as a day of rest from our daily toil. It was given to us as a day of worship, communion with God, and fellowship with the saints. God wants it to be for His children a day of joy and gladness. His promise concerning it is:

"If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shall honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

(Isa. 58:13, 14).

For these reasons the leaders assembled in the 1960 Autumn Council appeal to our members in all parts of the world field, young and old, to apply these great eternal principles to our daily lives, ever seeking to exalt our Lord's intents above our own in regard to the observance of His holy day which sets us apart from the world around us.

Our blessed Master while on earth set us the highest and noblest example in obedience and Sabbath observance and as His people we should joyfully follow in His steps. (1 Peter 2:21).

The Committee appointed to bring in recommendations regarding the schedule of meetings requested for 1961 and 1962 presented a report, which with changes and additions, was adopted as follows:

MEETINGS FOR 1961

TEMPERANCE

Institute of Scientific Studies
and Advisory Committee, 1961.

Exact date and place to be arranged in
counsel with the General Conference
Officers.

ASSOCIATION OF SELF-SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONS

Biennial Convention, 1961 (Attended
by Union ASI Secretaries only)

Date and place to be arranged in counsel
with General Conference Officers.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT SERVICE

Meeting of Directors, 1961

Date and place to be arranged in counsel
with General Conference Officers.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

College and University Directors
of Secondary Education

Broadview Academy, June 27-July 2, 1961

Principals' Council

Broadview Academy, June 28-July 2, 1961
(Approved 1959 Autumn Council)

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Educational Advisory Committee	Broadview Academy, July 3, 4, 1961
English Teachers' Workshop	Broadview Academy, July 2-August 30, 1961
College Administrators' Meeting	Atlantic Union College, July 17-21, 1961
Secondary School Evaluation Conference	Broadview Academy, June 12-July 10, 1961
Committee on Secondary School Health Education	Loma Linda, California, August 1-22, 1961
College Teachers' Sectional Meeting	Southern Missionary College, August 23-29, 1961

HOME MISSIONARY

Advisory Committee, 1961 (In conjunction with Sabbath School and Radio-TV Departments)	Washington, D.C. Date to be arranged in counsel with General Conference Officers
Union Home Missionary Secretaries for special Ingathering Editorial Committee	Washington, D.C., early 1961

INSURANCE

Insurance Seminars in two unions, 1961. (Attended by union and local treasurers.)	Dates and places to be arranged in counsel with General Conference Officers.
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JEWISH

Jewish Evangelistic Council, 1961	Times Square Center. Date to be set by General Conference Officers.
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MEDICAL

Medical Council, 1961	Time and place to be arranged in counsel with General Conference Officers.
Administrators' Meeting	In connection with Hospital Association Meeting.
Four Institutes and Workshops in 1961	Time and place to be arranged.
Committee on Nursing Education	Time and place to be arranged.

MINISTERIAL

Bible Conference	Referred to the General Conference Officers for study.
Special meeting for full-time public evangelists	In 1961; time to be arranged.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

College MV Officers' Seminar (Oshawa Missionary, Emmanuel Missionary, Washington Missionary, and Atlantic Union Colleges)	Oshawa Missionary College April 19-22, 1961
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North American Quadrennial MV
Secretaries' CouncilAthens, Texas, May 10-17, 1961
(Approved by Autumn Council, 1959.)Advisory Committee (in connection
with Quadrennial Council)Exact date to be set by General
Conference Officers.

National Medical Cadet Camp

June 6-20, 1961, Grand Ledge, Michigan;
or New Jersey camp groundCivilian and Military Chaplains'
MeetingAtlantic Union College, August 14-21,
1961

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Departmental Council

April 20-28, 1961. To be held in mid-
West

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

Advisory Committee

October 1-6, 1961, Portland, Oregon

RADIO-TV DEPARTMENT

Advisory Committee, 1961
(in connection with Home Missionary
and Sabbath School Advisory Committees)Washington, D.C. Date to be arranged
in counsel with General Conference
Officers.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Advisory Committee (in conjunction
with Home Missionary and Radio-TV
Departments)Washington, D.C. Date to be arranged
in counsel with General Conference
Officers.Special Committee on Sabbath
School Lessons, 1961Date and place to be arranged in counsel
with General Conference Officers.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Union Treasurers' Council, 1961

Date and place to be arranged in counsel
with General Conference Officers.

REGIONAL

Advisory Committee, 1961

Oakwood College, March 12, 13, 1961 (in
connection with Board Meeting)

Consideration was then given to the Agenda items for the General Conference Committee.

MINUTES of the General Conference Committee held October 20, 1960 were approved.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL:

VOTED, To authorize overseas travel as follows:

E. E. Cossentine, to Jamaica, early November; date to be arranged;
J. R. Nelson, cancelation of trip to South America.

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MARVELLA ANDERSON--PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference Treasury Department the call for Miss Marvella Anderson, for secretarial service in the Pacific Union Conference office.

MRS. VIRGINIA KOLLMORGAN--CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Press Publishing Association the call from the Pacific Union Conference for Mrs. Virginia Kollmorgan, to connect with the Central California Conference for secretarial service in the Central California Conference Association

At 4 P.M., a meeting of the North American Division Committee on Administration was called, to handle a number of items of business.

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY--REQUEST FROM:

A request has been received from the Andrews University Board for authorization from the General Conference Committee in Autumn Council to offer a Master's degree in Music Education.

VOTED, That this request from the Andrews University be referred to the Committee on Graduate Work in Eastern Colleges, to be brought in for authorization at the time of the 1961 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee.

AFFILIATION OF COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS

WITH QUALIFIED FAR EASTERN DIVISION MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS:

A statement was made by W. R. Beach that in harmony with certain principles set down, approval has been given to the proposal for teaching affiliation between the College of Medical Evangelists and certain medical institutions in the Far East possessing suitable facilities and staff. The principles are outlined in the minutes of the General Conference Committee, March 10, 1960. The over-all plan for developing like medical and paramedical graduate training in other overseas areas was referred to, this information being given for the benefit of other divisions which may be interested in the plan.

COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS--SPECIAL COURSES:

T. R. Flaiz, M.D., called attention to special courses being offered by the College of Medical Evangelists for health personnel contemplating overseas appointments. These courses are available from March to June.

SABBATH SCHOOL--LOYAL SUPPORT:

VOTED, That as a body of Administrators, we give our loyal support to the Sabbath school as the "Church at Study," and as an effective evangelizing agency, and that we encourage our workers to set a good example to our church members, by attending the Sabbath school regularly and faithfully; and, further,

We recommend, That our Sabbath schools adhere to the established practice of class group lesson study rather than the entire Sabbath school comprising one large class.

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FARM MANAGER ADVISORS--SCHOOL FARMS:

Attention was called by W. R. Beach to an item listed on the Agenda, the question of the setting up of a group of farm manager advisors to give counsel to our colleges and academies with reference to the successful operation of school farms. This came from the last quadrennial session of the farm managers. They are working along, helping one another with counsel, and it is not necessary to take particular action at this time.

ISRAELITE--OFFICIAL ORGAN:

For a number of years we have had a magazine which is called the Israelite, which has been used in connection with our work for the Jewish people. As yet it has not been recognized as the official organ for the Jewish work.

VOTED, That we recognize the Israelite Magazine as the official organ for the Jewish people.

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS:

VOTED, To refer to the Officers and Union Conference Presidents at the 1961 Spring Meeting the report of the Committee on union and local conference Bible Correspondence Schools.

BUDGET FOR 1961:

C. L. Torrey, Treasurer, spoke of the work on the part of many in preparation of the Budget for 1961, and his appreciation for this effort. We have not been able to meet all requests. The requests for 1961 totaled \$28,380,901.54. The total specials available and estimated income for the Budget for 1961 amounts to \$23,491,413.06. The Budget was then presented by O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer, and adopted as follows:

BUDGET FOR 1961

We recommend, That the Base and Special Appropriations for 1961 to the world fields be made from the following estimated income and available funds:

REGULAR:

General Conference Estimated Income (Basis 1959) for Base Appropriations	18 540 963 06
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SPECIALS:

From Working Capital	2 525 450 00
From Reconstruction Base, Orient	450 000 00
From Exchange Gains	350 000 00
From Harris Pine Mills (Oregon Corporation)	100 000 00
Less: North Pacific Share	<u>25 000 00</u> 75 000 00
From Security Income	1 000 000 00
Miscellaneous Funds	<u>100 000 00</u>
Total Provision for Special Appropriations	4 500 450 00

REVERTIBLE FUNDS (Basis 1959):

Estimated, All Divisions	6 068 616 71
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CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS

<u>450 000 00</u>

Total Estimated Income and Available Funds	<u>29 560 029 77</u>
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We recommend, 1. That the Base Appropriations for 1961 be as follows:

BASE APPROPRIATIONS - OVERSEAS

Australasia		533 932 66
Central Europe		
Base	40 136 96	
Sustentation	<u>28 800 00</u>	68 936 96
Far East		
Base	1 684 180 82	
Additional for South China Union	<u>10 000 00</u>	1 694 180 82
Inter-America		
Base	1 287 439 23	
Miami Transportation	4 000 00	
Montemorelos Counselor	<u>2 000 00</u>	1 293 439 23
Middle East		685 132 30
Northern Europe		
Base	1 168 804 69	
London New Gallery	<u>25 000 00</u>	1 193 804 69
South America		1 354 611 87
Southern Africa		
Base	1 684 287 53	
Assistance toward Emergency Wage Situation	<u>50 000 00</u>	1 734 287 53
Southern Asia		
Base	1 397 372 01	
Assam Mission	9 000 00	
Himalayan Mission	14 325 00	
Vellore Doctor	<u>4 368 00</u>	1 425 065 01
Southern Europe		
Base	1 417 876 95	
Rome Transportation Agent	<u>1 000 00</u>	1 418 876 95
Reconstruction Base, Orient		558 808 75
INTERNATIONAL RADIO:		
Australasia	19 000 00	
Central Europe	7 500 00	
Far East	57 500 00	
Inter-America	53 500 00	
Middle East	22 500 00	
Northern Europe	57 000 00	
South America	66 000 00	
Southern Africa	34 000 00	
Southern Asia	48 500 00	
Southern Europe	52 500 00	
Production	<u>47 000 00</u>	465 000 00
Total Base Appropriations for Overseas Divisions		<u>12 426 076 77</u>

BASE APPROPRIATIONS - NORTH AMERICA

Aid to Smaller Conferences	250 000 00
Faith for Today	110 000 00
North American Missions	200 000 00
Oakwood College	70 083 42
Riverside Sanitarium	10 000 00
Voice of Prophecy - Regular Operating	60 000 00
West Coast Graduate School Budget	11 500 00
Atlantic Union Conference	
N. Y. Evangelistic Center Operating	25 000 00
Greater New York Conference	17 000 00
Northeastern Regional Conference	3 000 00
Canadian Union Conference	
Regular Operating	85 000 00
Rest Haven Sanitarium Sustentation	3 000 00
Southern Union Conference	
Regional Conference Operating	35 000 00
Rural Schools	5 000 00
Southwestern Union Conference	
Southwest Regional Conference	19 000 00
Geology & Paleontology Research	<u>27 875 00</u>

Total Base Appropriations for North American
Division

931 368 42

GENERAL FOR NORTH AMERICAN AND OVERSEAS
DIVISIONS

College of Medical Evangelists		
Regular Operating	1 141 300 00	
School of Tropical Medicine	<u>30 000 00</u>	1 171 300 00
Entertainment, Servicemen Overseas		1 500 00
Department Major Films		30 000 00
Medical Residency Plan		15 000 00
Missionary Orientation Program		33 000 00
J. Nussbaum - Travel & Expense for Gen. Conf.		1 000 00
Andrews University		
Regular Operating		341 101 00
Sabbath School Films		3 000 00
Sustentation - Displaced Persons		25 000 00
Temperance Societies		
American and International		68 843 00
White Publications Basic Library		15 000 00
Miscellaneous Items		<u>150 000 00</u>
	Total	1 854 744 00
Administrative & Departmental Expense		1 681 032 00
Miscellaneous & Fixed Appropriations		<u>1 647 741 87</u>

Total Base Appropriations for North American and
Overseas Divisions, General Items

5 183 517 87

BASE APPROPRIATIONS RECAPITULATION

Overseas Divisions	12 426 076 77
North American Division	931 368 42
North American and Overseas Divisions - General Items	1 854 744 00
Administrative and Departmental Expense	1 681 032 00
Miscellaneous and Fixed Appropriations	<u>1 647 741 87</u>
Grand Total Base Appropriations for 1961	<u><u>18 540 963 06</u></u>

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

OVERSEAS DIVISIONS:

Australasia		
General		225 000 00
Central Europe		
General		200 000 00
Far Eastern		
General		225 000 00
Inter-American		
General		225 000 00
Middle East		
General	125 000 00	
Beirut Church	<u>50 000 00</u>	175 000 00
Northern European		
General	196 300 00	
Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital	<u>28 700 00</u>	225 000 00
South American		
General		225 000 00
Southern African		
General	200 000 00	
Emergency Program	<u>50 000 00</u>	250 000 00
Southern Asia		
General		225 000 00
Southern Europe		
General	175 000 00	
Gland Sanitarium	<u>50 000 00</u>	<u>225 000 00</u>
Total Special Appropriations for Overseas Divisions		2 200 000 00

2. That Special Appropriations be made as follows:

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

NORTH AMERICA

Atlantic Union		
Atlantic Union College	25 000 00	
New England Sanitarium	20 000 00	
Elmira, New York Church	5 000 00	
Southampton, Bermuda Church	5 000 00	
Middletown, New York Church	10 000 00	
Northeastern Conference Property Indebtedness	8 000 00	
Pittsfield, Massachusetts Church	2 000 00	
Schenectady, New York Church	5 000 00	
Times Square Center	5 000 00	
Union Evangelism	<u>15 000 00</u>	100 000 00
Canadian Union		
Branson Memorial Hospital	50 000 00	
Canadian Union College	30 000 00	
Oshawa Missionary College Church	15 000 00	
Oshawa Missionary College	10 000 00	
New Westminster, B.C. Church	<u>10 000 00</u>	115 000 00
Central Union		
Union College	40 000 00	
Denver, Colorado Regional Church	20 000 00	
Grand Junction, Colorado Church	5 000 00	
Jefferson City, Missouri Church	5 000 00	
Wichita, Kansas Church	5 000 00	
Boulder Sanitarium	15 000 00	
Porter Sanitarium	<u>10 000 00</u>	100 000 00
Columbia Union		
Washington, D.C. Ephesus Regional Church	10 000 00	
Washington Sanitarium	20 000 00	
Washington Missionary College, Men's Residence	50 000 00	
Morristown, New Jersey Church	3 000 00	
Large City Evangelism	<u>17 000 00</u>	100 000 00
Lake Union		
Emmanuel Missionary College	50 000 00	
Hinsdale Sanitarium	40 000 00	
General	<u>10 000 00</u>	100 000 00
Northern Union		
Conference Office	10 000 00	
Des Moines, Iowa Church & Youth Center	17 500 00	
Sioux City, Iowa Church	17 500 00	
Relocation of Conf. Office, Pierre, S. D.	17 500 00	
Sioux Falls, South Dakota Church	17 500 00	
Union Evangelism	<u>20 000 00</u>	100 000 00
North Pacific Union		
Walla Walla College Church	50 000 00	
Walla Walla College Dormitory	10 000 00	
Portland Sanitarium	20 000 00	
Walla Walla Hospital	<u>20 000 00</u>	100 000 00

Pacific Union		
Paradise Valley Sanitarium	25 000 00	
Pacific Union College Dormitory	25 000 00	
La Sierra College	25 000 00	
Loma Linda, California Church	15 000 00	
San Francisco, California Church	<u>10 000 00</u>	100 000 00
Southern Union		
Southern Missionary College		100 000 00
Southwestern Union		
Southwestern Junior College	60 000 00	
Ardmore, Oklahoma Hospital	12 500 00	
Texas Hospital Equipment	7 500 00	
Tulsa, Oklahoma Church	5 000 00	
Houston, Texas Church	5 000 00	
Albuquerque, New Mexico Regional Church	5 000 00	
Union Office	<u>5 000 00</u>	100 000 00
Sanitarium Buildings		
Atlantic Union		
New England Sanitarium	10 000 00	
Canadian Union		
Branson Memorial Hospital	5 000 00	
Rest Haven Sanitarium	<u>5 000 00</u>	10 000 00
Central Union		
Porter Sanitarium	5 000 00	
Boulder Sanitarium	<u>5 000 00</u>	10 000 00
Columbia Union		
Kettering Hospital	40 000 00	
Lake Union		
Hinsdale Sanitarium	10 000 00	
North Pacific Union		
Walla Walla Hospital	5 000 00	
Portland Sanitarium	<u>5 000 00</u>	10 000 00
Pacific Union		
Glendale Sanitarium	5 000 00	
St. Helena Sanitarium	<u>5 000 00</u>	10 000 00
Southern Union		
Florida Sanitarium	10 000 00	
Southwestern Union	<u>10 000 00</u>	<u>120 000 00</u>
Total North American Division Specials		<u><u>1 135 000 00</u></u>

NORTH AMERICAN AND OVERSEAS DIVISIONS - GENERAL

Andrews University		623 950 00
Biloxi, Mississippi, Servicemen's Facilities		300 00
College of Medical Evangelists		
Student Missionary Training Program	5 000 00	
Women's Residence Hall	50 000 00	
Building Fund	90 000 00	
Metabolic Ward	<u>55 000 00</u>	200 000 00
Dr. Cornell - Rehabilitation		10 000 00
Educational Department		
Secondary School Evaluation Committee Expense	1 200 00	
Secondary Health Education Workshop	<u>2 500 00</u>	3 700 00

Faith for Today		
Building	48 000 00	
Equipment	<u>17 000 00</u>	65 000 00
Geology & Paleontology		
Building & Equipment		37 000 00
Home Missionary Department - Tracts		10 000 00
Laymen's Congress		7 500 00
"MESSAGE" Magazine		5 000 00
Home Missionary Department - Ingathering Training Film		2 500 00
West Coast Transportation Warehouse Building		50 000 00
Oakwood College		65 000 00
Riverside Sanitarium		45 000 00
Narcotics Education, Inc., Working Capital		10 000 00
Vellore Medical College Building Program		21 000 00
White Publications Index - Complete Project		<u>9 500 00</u>
Total Special Appropriations for North America and Overseas Divisions, General Items		<u><u>1 165 450 00</u></u>

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS RECAPITULATION

Total for Overseas Divisions	2 200 000 00	
Total for North American Division	1 135 000 00	
Total for General Items	<u>1 165 450 00</u>	
Total for Special Appropriations		<u><u>4 500 450 00</u></u>

CHURCH EXTENSION

Overseas Divisions		
Australasia	25 000 00	
Central European	25 000 00	
Far Eastern	25 000 00	
Inter-American	25 000 00	
Middle East	25 000 00	
Northern European	25 000 00	
South American	25 000 00	
Southern African	25 000 00	
Southern Asia	25 000 00	
Southern European	<u>25 000 00</u>	250 000 00
North American Division		
Atlantic Union		
Patchogue, New York Church	3 000 00	
Port Jarvis, New York Church	3 000 00	
Claremont, New Hampshire Church	2 000 00	
Hinckley, Maine Church	2 000 00	
Pawtucket, Rhode Island Church	5 000 00	
Brooklyn, N Y, Mt. of Olives Church	<u>5 000 00</u>	20 000 00
Canadian Union		
New Vancouver, B.C. Church	20 000 00	

Central Union		
Kinlock, Missouri Regional Church	3 333 34	
Fairplay, Colorado Church	3 333 32	
Winfield, Kansas Church	1 000 00	
Hillsboro, Kansas Church	1 000 00	
Salina, Kansas Church	1 333 34	
Sedalia, Missouri Church	3 333 34	
Neligh, Nebraska Church	3 333 32	
Upton, Wyoming Church	<u>3 333 34</u>	20 000 00
Columbia Union		
Germantown, Ohio Church	1 500 00	
Salisbury, Maryland Church	1 500 00	
Rising Sun, Maryland Church	1 000 00	
Grasonville, Maryland Church	1 500 00	
York Springs, Pennsylvania Church	2 000 00	
Portsmouth, Ohio Church	2 000 00	
LaGrange, Ohio Church	2 000 00	
Alexandria, Virginia Church	2 500 00	
Corry, Pennsylvania Church	1 000 00	
Somerset, Pennsylvania Church	1 000 00	
Uniontown, Pennsylvania Church	2 000 00	
Indore, West Virginia Church	1 000 00	
Buckhannon, West Virginia Church	<u>1 000 00</u>	20 000 00
Lake Union		
Canton, Illinois Church	2 000 00	
Indianapolis, Ind. North Side Church	7 000 00	
Ypsilanti, Michigan Regional Church	4 500 00	
Midland, Michigan Church	3 250 00	
Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin Church	<u>3 250 00</u>	20 000 00
Northern Union		
Albia, Iowa Church	1 000 00	
Atlantic, Iowa Church	1 500 00	
Muscatine, Iowa Church	2 500 00	
Hutchinson, Minnesota Church	3 000 00	
Minnetonka, Minnesota Church	1 000 00	
Minneapolis, Minnesota South View Ch.	1 000 00	
Streeter, North Dakota Church	500 00	
Minot, North Dakota Church	500 00	
Rapid City, South Dakota Church	2 500 00	
Lehr, North Dakota Church	4 000 00	
Bison, South Dakota Church	<u>2 500 00</u>	20 000 00
North Pacific Union		
Medford, Oregon Church	10 000 00	
Fairbanks, Alaska Church	<u>10 000 00</u>	20 000 00
Pacific Union		
Flagstaff, Arizona Church	3 000 00	
Kahului, Hawaii Church	2 000 00	
Reno, Nevada Church	3 000 00	
Santa Rosa, California Church	3 000 00	
Willits, California Church	1 000 00	
Sun Village, California Church	1 000 00	
Van Nuys, California Spanish Church	1 000 00	
Shafter, California Church School	3 000 00	
Orange, California Church	<u>3 000 00</u>	20 000 00

Southern Union

Tampa, Florida South Church	2 500 00	
Atlanta, Georgia, Cascade Road Church	2 500 00	
McComb, Mississippi Church	2 500 00	
Florence, Alabama Church	2 500 00	
Miami, Florida Regional Church	5 000 00	
Greensboro, North Carolina Church	<u>5 000 00</u>	20 000 00

Southwestern Union

Guyton, Oklahoma Church	2 000 00	
Sallisaw, Oklahoma Church	1 000 00	
Sapulpa, Oklahoma Church	1 000 00	
Benton, Arkansas Church	500 00	
Helena, Arkansas Church	1 000 00	
Balesville, Arkansas Church	500 00	
Little Rock, Arkansas Regional Church	2 000 00	
Strong, Arkansas Church	500 00	
Texarkana, Arkansas Regional Church	750 00	
Gretna, Louisiana Church	500 00	
Shreveport, Louisiana Church	1 000 00	
Elgin, Texas Regional Church	750 00	
Austin, Texas Regional Church	500 00	
Salmon, Texas Church	1 000 00	
Rosenberg, Texas Church	1 000 00	
Alice, Texas Church	2 000 00	
Abilene, Texas Church	<u>4 000 00</u>	<u>20 000 00</u>

Total for North American Unions

200 000 00

Total Church Extension Funds

450 000 00

SUMMARY OF SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS
FOR NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

<u>Union</u>	<u>Specials</u>	<u>Sanitarium Building</u>	<u>Church Extension</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Atlantic Union	100 000 00	10 000 00	20 000 00	130 000 00
Canadian Union	115 000 00	10 000 00	20 000 00	145 000 00
Central Union	100 000 00	10 000 00	20 000 00	130 000 00
Columbia Union	100 000 00	40 000 00	20 000 00	160 000 00
Lake Union	100 000 00	10 000 00	20 000 00	130 000 00
Northern Union	100 000 00	-	20 000 00	120 000 00
North Pacific Union	100 000 00	10 000 00	20 000 00	130 000 00
Pacific Union	100 000 00	10 000 00	20 000 00	130 000 00
Southern Union	100 000 00	10 000 00	20 000 00	130 000 00
Southwestern Union	100 000 00	10 000 00	20 000 00	130 000 00
Totals	<u><u>1 015 000 00</u></u>	<u><u>120 000 00</u></u>	<u><u>200 000 00</u></u>	<u><u>1 335 000 00</u></u>

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

Total Base Appropriations, All Divisions	18 540 963 06
Total Special Appropriations, All Divisions	4 500 450 00
Estimated Revertible Funds (Basis 1959)	
Overseas Divisions	2 117 794 54
North American Division	<u>3 950 822 17</u>
Total	<u>6 068 616 71</u>
Church Extension Funds	<u>450 000 00</u>
Grand Total Appropriations for 1961 (Including Reversions (Basis 1959))	29 560 029 77
Total Appropriations, 1960	<u>27 881 182 64</u>
Increase	<u><u>1 678 847 13</u></u>

Following the adoption of the Budget, the overseas Division Presidents expressed appreciation for the splendid appropriations voted their respective fields; also certain Union Conference Presidents joined in this expression of gratefulness. The overseas Presidents asserted their desire to do their best to make these funds accomplish what is needed. They expressed thankfulness to the membership in North America for their faithfulness in giving. Thanks were expressed also by certain Union Conference Presidents for the aid voted to the smaller conferences.

R. R. Figuhr said that we are grateful to God for His prospering hand upon His people, and for their faithfulness in tithes and offerings. God has blessed them, and through them has blessed His work. It is hoped by the blessing of God we can accomplish much more than was done last year.

The delegates stood and spent a moment in silent prayer.

A. V. Olson led in prayer, expressing gratefulness for the funds provided, as a result of the sacrifice and the labors of our people. May we see the greatest influx of souls in our history. He asked the blessing of the Lord upon the funds; also upon R. R. Figuhr and all those associated with him; and that the Lord would bless the committees throughout the world field.

Announcements of committees were made.

Adjourned at 5:20 P.M., to 10:00 A.M., October 31, at which time consideration is to be given to items relating to the College of Medical Evangelists.

W. B. Ochs,
R. R. Figuhr, Chairmen
W. P. Bradley,
W. R. Beach, Secretaries
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

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In the Takoma Park Church, Sunday evening, October 30, 1960, from 7:30-9:00 P.M., reports were given as follows: M. Fridlin, for the Southern European Division; and O. O. Mattison, for the Southern Asia Division. Duane Johnson also showed pictures from the Southern Asia Division.

Devotional Meeting: M. V. Campbell was the speaker in the Devotional Service on October 31, 1960, at 9:00 A.M. He read Isaiah 43: 6 as a basis for his remarks: "I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth." In every part of this world God has sons and daughters. Many of them are in the most unlikely places. Many of them are at the ends of the earth. Some are far away from God in locality; they are far from where the gospel is being preached. Perhaps many of them who are far away, geographically, may live right here in our own land. I am told that we have more than 1200 dark counties in the United States. Then there are the overseas mission lands--lands where we may have but one missionary to millions of inhabitants. In all these lands God has sons and daughters waiting for the message.

There are many who are far from God in character. They may not be geographically far from an Adventist church or preacher; they may be people who are just not interested in the truth. They are people whose characters do not respond to the Christian message. There are others who make no contact with the message, not because they are far away, not because they have no interest in religion. They may be near a church, they may be religious, but just haven't thought of going into one of our churches. There are others who are far away from God due to prejudice. There are others far from God because of their fears. If a man feels that he cannot possibly come to God, at least he can look to God. Isaiah 25: 22. I read in Joel 2: 28, "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh." God is preparing the world for a great ingathering of souls. We should prepare our churches for that great ingathering. How our hearts will thrill, when we enter the kingdom of God and see there the people for whom we have labored and prayed and sacrificed.

One Hundred Sixty-Second Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 31, 1960, 10:00 A. M.

The tenth session of the Autumn Council convened Monday morning at 10 o'clock. R. R. Figuhr served as chairman.

Prayer: A. S. Maxwell, A. F. Tarr, R. F. Cottrell.

R. R. Figuhr stated the purpose of the day's meeting--to discuss the recommendations that come to us from the Board of Trustees of the College of Medical Evangelists, and to take appropriate action.

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Because of the nature of the business, in addition to those in attendance for the regular Autumn Council sessions, there are also present today other invited guests and constituent members of the College of Medical Evangelists; it was

VOTED, That the privilege of speaking and of voting be given to the additional invited guests.

COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS--REPORT FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

M. V. Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the College of Medical Evangelists, presented the Report of the Board of Trustees and their recommendations regarding the future expansion of the college and the necessary consolidation of the medical school teaching program.

This was followed by discussion of various phases of the problem, by several members.

No final action had been taken when the meeting adjourned at 12:30 until 1:45 P.M.

Closing prayer: E. E. Cleveland.

R. R. Figuhr, Chairman
F. L. Peterson,
W. R. Beach, Secretaries
Marjorie Marsh, Asst. Recording Secretary

One Hundred Sixty-Third Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 31, 1960, 1:45 P.M.

R. R. Figuhr, Chairman, called to order the eleventh business meeting of the Autumn Council.

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," was sung as the meeting opened.

Prayer was offered by H. C. Klement.

COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS--
REPORT FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Further consideration was given to the Report from the Board of Trustees of the College of Medical Evangelists. A number of representatives from the medical college, as well as other delegates expressed their convictions re various phases of the problems involved.

A recess was taken at 3:35 to 3:50 P.M.

The discussion continued, certain amendments to the report of the Board of Trustees of the College of Medical Evangelists being proposed.

Adjournment was taken at 5:30 P.M., until 7:00 P.M., October 31, 1960.

The meeting continued at 7:00 P.M.

"In the Sweet By and By," was sung as the meeting opened,

Prayer by R. A. Wilcox.

After further discussion, the College Presidents submitted a substitute for paragraph 3 on page 3 of the Report of the Board of Trustees of the College of Medical Evangelists. With amendments it was voted to adopt this substitute paragraph.

VOTED, To take a secret ballot on the Report of the Board of Trustees of the College of Medical Evangelists as amended. The ballot revealed almost twice as many unfavorable to the amended report as those who favored it; the amended report was therefore rejected.

A motion was made to vote on the original Report of the Board of Trustees, asking the Secretaries to write a resolution that would give the results of the discussion, and which would give assurance to the Council on Medical Education that we are looking forward to consolidation of the medical college.

Further discussion followed.

DIVISION OF THE CONGO UNION MISSION:

WHEREAS, The membership of the Congo Union Mission of the Southern African Division has grown to the place where a division of its territory is essential to a more effective care of our members and the carrying of the message to the peoples resident therein;

VOTED, That we approve of the division of the Congo Union Mission at present comprising the former Belgian Congo, Ruanda and Urundi, into two unions as follows:

1. The Congo Union Mission comprising the territory of the former Belgian Congo;
2. The Ruanda-Urundi Union Mission, comprising the territory of Ruanda and Urundi.

Adjourned at 10:00 P.M., until 8:00 A.M., November 1, 1960.

Prayers were offered by C. H. Lauda and R. E. Finney, Jr.

R. R. Figuhr, Chairman
 W. R. Beach,
 N. W. Dunn, Secretaries
 Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

One Hundred Sixty-Fourth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 1, 1960, 8:00 A.M.

The twelfth business meeting of the Autumn Council was called by R. R. Figuhr, Chairman.

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine," was sung.

R. R. Figuhr read a responsive reading on "Peace," as given on page 595 of the Church Hymnal.

D. E. Venden and H. E. Rice led in prayer.

Following the reading of telegrams received from various groups concerned with the problem under consideration, the Chairman suggested that consideration be given to the motion before the floor, to vote on the original Report of the Board of Trustees of the College of Medical Evangelists.

Recommendations summarizing the Report of the Board of Trustees and expressing also convictions as outlined during the meeting were presented for consideration.

The motion to vote on the Report of the Board was tabled.

Action was taken inviting Dr. Raymond Moore, the Vice-President of the Corporation of the College of Medical Evangelists, to be seated and given voting privileges.

An action was taken to restrict all speakers to five minutes.

(A series of recommendations presented by Dr. Mervyn G. Hardinge in the meeting the day before were considered, voted on, and they were not accepted.)

After further and careful consideration the following recommendations were adopted:

COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS--COUNSEL TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

The Board of Trustees of the College of Medical Evangelists has requested counsel from the Autumn Council with regard to their action of September 12-15, 1960. In response to this request the Autumn Council offers the following as counsel to the Board of the College of Medical Evangelists:

1. That we recognize the need for consolidation on one campus and make plans to that end.

2. That we leave as an open question for study the matter of bringing 4th year college students to Loma Linda, this matter to be left for such action as the study and circumstances may indicate.

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3. That we take part of the second year of medicine to Los Angeles, but that we move deliberately and plan only minimum facilities at Los Angeles, believing that to be in harmony with the principle that has guided us in the past; namely, to provide such facilities at Los Angeles as will prepare our students for the state examinations.

4. That we recognize that moving any part of the second year of medicine to Los Angeles does not settle the future location of our medical school, but that it does meet the present emergency.

5. That as a first step in implementing the provision of paragraph 3, we proceed to select and prepare necessary Seventh-day Adventist basic science teachers.

6. That at Loma Linda we continue to accept a limited number of students into second year medicine inasmuch as we must continue there to teach two years of basic science, and that the way be left open to accept such students at Los Angeles.

7. That we consider of paramount importance the development of a clinical staff and clinical facilities at Loma Linda, as well as the strengthening and expansion of the university work in that center.

Announcement was made that the Highlights of the 1960 Biennial Autumn Council were ready for distribution.

Adjourned at 11:05 A.M., sine die.

Closing prayer by A. L. Ham.

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