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Sixty-Eighth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 3, 1963, 10:00 A.M.

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PRESENT:

W. E. Murray, D. S. Johnson, W. Melvin Adams, K. F. Ambs, O. A. Blake, M. V. Campbell, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, J. E. Edwards, J. O. Gibson, W. J. Harris, R. R. Hegstad, M. Carol Hetzell, H. W. Lowe, E. L. Minchin, G. R. Nash, W. L. Pascoe, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, C. E. Randolph, M.D., Clark Smith, A. F. Tarr, E. W. Tarr, C. L. Torrey, E. R. Walde, R. S. Watts

OTHERS PRESENT:

H. T. Elliott, C. D. Forshee

W. E. Murray, Chairman, said that sometimes as ministers we may become a bit tired of repeating the wonderful truths of the gospel. And it is good not to always be preaching the message in precisely the same way. This is an extreme to be avoided. In the first chapter of his second Epistle, Peter writes about sanctification. He evidently had preached this truth to the believers many times before and now tells them that he "will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up, by putting you in remembrance." The clear purpose of Peter as a minister appears to have been that of reminding the believers often of the great values in the profound truths of the gospel. Further, his purpose was to continue his teaching ministry until his death. He had learned that by repeatedly bringing Bible truth to the attention of the believers fresh inspiration and spiritual strength flowed into their lives from meditation on the Word. By this text he reveals to us that he believed the call of the ministry meant a witness for God to the very end of his life.

MIRIAM A. SPINKS--DEATH OF:

Information was given by D. S. Johnson that word has been received from the Southern African Division of the death of Miss Miriam A. Spinks, on the 24th of September, 1963. Miss Spinks worked in the Southern African Division office for a number of years, and was regarded as a very efficient, humble, and devoted Christian worker. She will be greatly missed by our people in Southern Africa, as well as by her relatives in England.

The serious illness of Miss Frances Nowlin was reported. She was a worker for many years in the General Conference office, and is now in the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital.

W. Melvin Adams offered the opening prayer, remembering also the relatives of Miss Miriam A. Spinks, and Miss Frances Nowlin, in the petition.

MINUTES of the meeting held September 26, 1963, were approved.

B. Y. BAUGHMAN--CHRISTIAN RECORD BRAILLE FOUNDATION, INC.:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and Colorado Conferences a call for B. Y. Baughman, to connect with the Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc., office as an Editor.

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MILDRED JOHNSON--ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT:

VOTED, That Miss Mildred Johnson, now Assistant Secretary in the General Conference Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department, be appointed Assistant Secretary in the Home Missionary Department, to become effective December 1, 1963.

DR. ELIAS KHOURY--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Dr. Elias Khoury, a Lebanese, now taking a residency at the Kern County General Hospital, in Bakersfield, California, be placed under deferred appointment to the Middle East Division for medical work; on the basis of a national returning.

BERTIL L. GILLEROTH--CYPRUS:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Northern California Conferences be requested to release Bertil L. Gillereth, of Yreka, California, and that he be invited to connect with the Middle East Division, as Pastor-Evangelist for Cyprus.

DORIS STICKLE--SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION:

VOTED, That the Lake Union Conference be requested to release Miss Doris Stickle, a secretarial worker in the Union office, and that she be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division office and Oriental Watchman Press for secretarial and editorial work.

S. BACCHIOCCHI--ERITREA:

VOTED, That S. Bacchiocchi, an Italian, who attended Newbold College in England, and later came to Andrews University, and who is under deferred appointment to Ethiopia, be assigned for service in Eritrea, on the basis of a national returning; with the understanding that the Northern European Division is to be regarded as his home base.

KENNETH H. STURDEVANT, M.D.--SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, That Kenneth H. Sturdevant, M.D., of Puyallup, Washington, be placed under deferred appointment to the Southern African Division, with the stipulations that they be prepared to go out to the field in 1965; and that they would not be eligible for Sustentation or other retirement benefits.

NORMAN E. BROWN--FRANCO-HAITIAN SEMINARY:

VOTED, To invite Norman E. Brown, of Pewee Valley Hospital, Pewee Valley, Kentucky, to connect with the Inter-American Division to be Assistant Business Manager of the Franco-Haitian Seminary.

DOROTHY BAXTER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Dorothy Baxter, daughter of Elder and Mrs. W. E. Baxter, of Mexico, for educational reasons.

October 3, 1963

ROBERT C. SKINNER--PERMANENT RETURN:

Robert C. Skinner has served in Iran since 1952.

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Robert C. Skinner from Iran, on his request because of family educational problems; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Middle East Division.

A. A. EWERT, D.D.S.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That A. A. Ewert, D.D.S., be released from appointment as Dentist for the Benghazi Hospital in Libya, since he has not found it possible to dispose of his dental practice in Sacramento, California.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To authorize appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Travel Committee, as follows, with the understanding that in the case of Mrs. Dorothea Van Gundy Jones the request for her services will be passed to the Pacific Union Conference and International Nutrition Research Foundation for consideration:

Theodore Carcich--Oshawa, Ontario, Fall Union Committee Meeting, November 4-7;
James G. Fulfer (missionary)--Collegedale, Tennessee, Southern Missionary College Alumni Homecoming, October 11-12;

J. O. Gibson--Southern Union Conference, Temperance promotion, October 22-November 9;

C. E. Guenther--Minneapolis, Union Departmental Council, October 30, 31;

W. A. Higgins--Minneapolis, Union Departmental Council, October 27-31;
Omaha, Nebraska, Central Union Advisory Council, November 3-5; Berrien Springs, Michigan, Union Publishing Council, November 6, 7;

W. A. Howe--Collegedale, Southern Missionary College Christian Education Promotion, November 14-16;

J. O. Iversen--Centralia, Missouri, Sunnydale Academy Week of Prayer, October 20-26; Kansas City, Workers' Meeting, October 28, 29; Kansas City, Youth Congress, October 31, November 2; Omaha, Union Departmental Advisory Council, November 3-7;

H. W. Lowe--Berrien Springs, Geo-Science Meeting, October 25-27 (extension of trip voted);

D. A. Neufeld--North Pacific Union, Religious Liberty promotion, January, 1964;

W. E. Phillips--Omaha, Nebraska, Central Union Departmental Council, November 3-7;

L. B. Reynolds--Ecorse, Michigan, Sabbath School Workshop, October 12;

H. E. Rice--Madison, Tennessee, new Hospital groundbreaking, October 23;
Southern California Conference, study of Hospital problems, November 8-14;

Ella May Stoneburner--Kansas City, Missouri, American Public Health Association Meeting, November 11-15;

Mrs. Dorothea Van Gundy Jones--Yonkers, New York, Nutrition Instructors' Training Course, October 20-23.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BASIC LIBRARY FUND--
SUBSIDIES TO OVERSEAS DIVISIONS:

On recommendation of the Spirit of Prophecy Committee, it was

VOTED, To grant subsidies from the Spirit of Prophecy Basic Library Fund to overseas divisions, with the understanding that the Division in each case will make available an equivalent sum, as follows:

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SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BASIC LIBRARY FUND--
 SUBSIDIES TO OVERSEAS DIVISIONS (concluded):

Far Eastern Division:

1. Desire of Ages, Vol. 1 (first 29 chapters), Korean language;
 edition 4,000; English, 297 pages; subsidy \$625
2. Counsels to the Church, Korean language;
 edition 5,000; 430 pages; subsidy 500
3. The Adventist Home, Chinese language;
 edition 2,000; English, 550 pages; subsidy 250

Northern European Division:

1. Great Controversy, Finnish language; edition 10,000;
 English, 690 pages, subsidy \$2 per page 1,380
2. Education, Finnish language; edition 2,000;
 English, 309 pages; subsidy \$2.50 per page 772.50

Southern European Division:

1. The Remnant Church, Italian language, edition 2,500;
 English, 72 pages; subsidy \$2.50 per page 180.00
2. The Story of Jesus, English, 186 pages
 - (a) Portuguese-Kimbundu language; edition 2,000;
 subsidy \$2.50 per page 465.00
 - (b) Portuguese-Umbundu language, edition 2,000;
 subsidy \$2.50 per page 465.00
 - (c) Portuguese-Chokwe language; edition 2,000;
 subsidy \$2.50 per page 465.00

South American Division:

- Welfare Ministry, Spanish language; edition 5,000;
 374 pages; subsidy \$2.00 per page 748.00

R. S. WATTS--REPORT:

The Chairman suggested that R. S. Watts give a report on the Interdivision Conference on Muslim Work in Beirut, Lebanon. The Institute was held September 6-19, 1963. Elder Watts said they had twelve very profitable days in this Muslim Institute. There were representatives present from the Far Eastern, Middle East, Northern and Southern European, Southern African, and Southern Asia Divisions. It is believed this Institute will be another milestone in the history of our work in trying more effectively to reach over four hundred million Muslims who live in the world. Those present were able to exchange ideas and to pool their plans. It is planned a little later on to bring to the General Conference Committee certain recommendations. A program of preparing proper literature has been launched. A series of tracts will be drawn up. Plans are to develop some films on health and temperance, to be used either on television or by evangelists in these Moslem countries. The brethren returned to their fields greatly encouraged.

Adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

W. E. Murray, Chairman
 D. S. Johnson, Secretary
 Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Sixty-Ninth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 10, 1963, 10:00 A.M.

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PRESENT:

R. S. Watts, D. S. Johnson, W. Melvin Adams, K. F. Ambs, R. A. Anderson, W. R. Beach, O. A. Blake, F. L. Bland, W. P. Bradley, Theodore Carcich, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, R. R. Figuhr, J. O. Gibson, W. J. Harris, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, H. W. Lowe, Theodore Lucas, W. E. Murray, G. R. Nash, Lawrence M. Nelson, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, J. W. Peeke, M. H. Reeder, A. H. Roth, H. D. Singleton, Clark Smith, J. R. Spangler, A. F. Tarr, E. W. Tarr, C. L. Torrey

OTHERS PRESENT:

D. A. Delafield, H. T. Elliott, C. D. Forshee, N. W. Litchfield, Paul Nelson, of Japan

R. S. Watts, Chairman, spoke of the challenge faced by our workers especially in the Middle East Division. He read Zechariah 4: 6-10, in which Zerubbabel was assured that having laid the "foundation of this house, his hands shall also finish it." We are not to think of discouragement in our work. Quotations were also read from Prophets and Kings, page 594; Evangelism, page 633; Volume 6, page 674; 1 John 5: 14, 15; and Christ's Object Lessons, page 147. He called especial attention to the statement in the last reference to the effect that as we repeat the confidence we have in Jesus, Satan will flee, for he cannot bear the name of Jesus. These statements ought to give us courage, and cause us to make an effort to continue our faith; and to give us a larger vision of what we can accomplish even in those difficult areas of the world.

Opening prayer by Theodore Lucas, especially remembering our workers in the difficult sections of the field.

MINUTES of the meeting held October 3, 1963, were approved.

"BIBLE IN THE HAND" RECORDS:

A series of Bible studies titled "Bible in the Hand" has been recorded on long-playing, double-face records, each forty-five minutes in length, with directions for Bible marking. Several conferences have found this plan an effective means of reaching individuals and groups of people already interested in the message.

An inexpensive Bible is placed in the hands of each one listening to the recorded messages and the Bible is marked as instructed by the speaker as the study proceeds. The studies are in sequence, and twenty records have been prepared.

VOTED, That the "Bible in the Hand" plan of recordings with Bible marking be approved for use in the field where conferences desire to employ it;

That the recordings be cleared and handled by the Pacific Press Publishing Association and released to the churches through the regular channels; and

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"BIBLE IN THE HAND" RECORDS (concluded):

That the Pacific Press Publishing Association be requested to give consideration to the preparation of an advertising brochure presenting these recordings.

ROBERT L. HEISLER--NORTHEAST BRAZIL MISSION:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Northern California Conferences be requested to release Robert L. Heisler, and that he be invited to connect with the South American Division as Home Missionary, Sabbath School, and Radio Secretary of the Northeast Brazil Mission.

CHALMERS G. FISHER--MIDDLE EAST DIVISION:

VOTED, That the Columbia Union Conference and Washington Sanitarium and Hospital be requested to release Chalmers G. Fisher, and that he be invited to connect with the Middle East Division for pastoral and evangelistic work.

GEORGE DUNDER--APPOINTMENT TRANSFERRED TO TANGANYIKA:

VOTED, That the appointment of George Dunder be transferred from the Far Eastern Division, he having been called to Guam, to the Southern African Division, to serve as a Teacher in the Ikizu Training School, Tanganyika, East Africa.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To authorize appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Division Travel Committee, as follows:

F. L. Bland--East Liverpool, Ohio, Human Relations Committee, October 8; Omaha, Nebraska, church dedication, November 2 (en route Pacific Union);

J. E. Edwards--Central Union, Home Missionary Rallies, January 17-February 2, 1964;

J. O. Gibson--Athens, Texas, Temperance Council, November 11-14 (to Southern Union, already voted);

F. E. J. Harder (Andrews University)--Atlantic City, Columbia Union Secretarial⁺ Teachers' Convention, October 27-29 (Columbia Union assume expenses);

R. R. Hegstad--Southern Union, local conference workers' meetings and Religious Liberty promotion, January 1-31;

Mazie Herin--Boston, Massachusetts, November 18, 19; Chicago, Illinois, November 21, 22, National League for Nursing Meetings;

M. E. Loewen--Atlantic Union, Religious Liberty meetings, January 17-24, 1964;

Theodore Lucas--Athens, Texas, Southwestern Union MV Secretaries' Council, November 11-13 (in connection with other travel);

E. L. Minchin--Lacombe, Canada, Canadian Union College Week of Prayer, February 21-29, 1964; Keene, Texas, Southwestern Union College Week of Prayer, October 9-17, 1964;

C. E. Randolph, M.D.--Pacific Union, visit interns, October 9-29; Hinsdale, Illinois, visit interns, October 30-November 5 (change in dates);

D. A. Neufeld--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Departmental Council, November 4, 5;

W. A. Scharffenberg--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Temperance Secretaries' Council, November 5, 6;

V. W. Schoen--Central Union, Ingathering promotion, Workers' Meetings, October 28-31 (in connection with trip to Lake and Southwestern Unions);

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES (concluded):

Clark Smith--Minneapolis, Union Departmental Council, October 28-31; Centralia, Missouri, Youth Congress, November 1-3; Berrien Springs, Michigan, Lake Union MV Secretaries' Council, November 4, 5; Omaha, Nebraska, Central Union MV Secretaries' Council, November 6, 7.

SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION--EXCHANGE RATES:

On recommendation of the South American Division, it was

VOTED, To authorize exchange rates, effective October 1, 1963, as follows:

Brazilian Cruzeiro, from 705.00 to the U.S. dollar, or .00141843; to 950.00 to the U.S. dollar, or .001052631;

Uruguayan Peso, from 12.50 to the U.S. dollar, or .08; to 14 to the U.S. dollar, or .071428.

S. A. E. DOSS--POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT:

S. A. E. Doss, at present a student in Poona University, India, is preparing for his Ph. D. degree in mathematics. He has taught part time without remuneration at Spicer Missionary College. It is his plan to proceed to the United States for research work and teaching. In view of the request for counsel as regards his employment, it was

VOTED, That in the event of S. A. E. Doss coming to the United States we raise no objection to his possible employment; with the understanding that his employment would not constitute a regular call to the United States entitling him to leaves of absence in India, nor making the Southern Asia Division responsible for ultimate Sustentation support.

ANDRZEJ MASZCZAK--SUSTENTATION STATUS:

Andrzej Maszczak was employed for twenty-five years in the Ukraine. In 1945 he was transferred to the present territory of Poland where he is now living. It is understood that he now desires to emigrate to Australia.

VOTED, That the responsibility for Andrzej Maszczak's Sustentation be the same as for those other workers who, being located outside of the territory of the organization normally responsible for their support, and unable to receive the support from their own country, are now under the special care of the General Conference. If he should emigrate to some other country, he would be paid the approximate rate that he would receive in his homeland.

BETTY CRAYFOURD--STATUS:

Miss Betty Crayfourd of the British Union Conference desires to migrate to Australia. The details of the transfer have been agreed upon between the Northern European Division, the Australasian Division, and Miss Crayfourd.

VOTED, To record the agreement as regards the basis of Miss Betty Crayfourd's transfer to the Australasian Division from the Northern European Division, as follows: Miss Crayfourd is going to Australia at her own expense, and Australia is to become her homeland. She is not to be subject to any leave-of-absence privileges to the Northern European Division, and Sustentation will be paid to her in harmony with the policy.

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JOHN ROTH--LAW COURSE:

VOTED, To approve the plan voted by the Insurance Service Board for John Roth, an employee in the Insurance Service office, to take a course in law; it being understood he would give part time to his legal training and part time to the office work.

NASDAD ASSISTANCE TO DENTAL CLINICS OVERSEAS:

The National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists has proposed setting up a fund to assist in the establishment of dental clinics in overseas fields.

VOTED, That we encourage the National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists to provide such a fund in the General Conference, from which the General Conference may assist overseas divisions in furnishing equipment or facilities to initiate dental clinics in new places overseas.

1963 AUTUMN COUNCIL--STANDING COMMITTEES:

VOTED, To approve the list of Standing Committees for the 1963 Autumn Council as presented, with the addition of certain names, and with the understanding that the list will be recommended to the Autumn Council for adoption.

VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

VOTED, That authorization be given for visits to overseas fields, as follows:

E. E. Cossentine--Northern Europe (Ethiopia), January 8-18, 1964 (in connection with trip already authorized to Middle East);

J. E. Edwards--Far Eastern Division, October 1-December 15, 1964;

A. A. Esteb--Southern Asia, October 1-December 31, 1964;

K. Fleck (of Central Europe)--Southern African Division for 1963 year-end meetings, accompanying O. Gmehling;

F. R. Millard--West New Guinea to Djakarta, Singapore, Bangkok, Saigon, Hong Kong, Taipei, and Tokyo (Secretarial Department interest), following trip to Australia, previously authorized, January 15-31, 1964;

Braulio Perez--Inter-America (Central America, Spanish meeting), November 22-December 22, 1963 (expense to be paid by Central American Union);

H. M. S. Richards--Inter-America (English meeting), December 26-January 27, 1964;

J. V. Scully--Middle East, April 1-May 31, 1964.

JIM ALLEN RIPLEY--FAITH FOR TODAY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and Texas Conferences a call for Jim Allen Ripley, to connect with the Faith for Today group as Baritone Singer.

Adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

R. S. Watts, Chairman
D. S. Johnson, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

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Seventieth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 16, 1963, 9:00 A.M.

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The 1963 Autumn Council was held in the General Conference Chapel, the first meeting being called on October 16, 1963, at 9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

R. R. Figuhr, W. R. Beach, W. Melvin Adams, K. F. Ambs, R. Allan Anderson, R. Curtis Barger, E. L. Becker, H. W. Bedwell, O. M. Berg, D. J. Bieber, R. R. Bietz, O. A. Blake, F. L. Bland, J. W. Bothe, W. P. Bradley, M. V. Campbell, Theodore Carcich, R. L. Cone, C. G. Cross, J. L. Dittberner, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, J. E. Edwards, K. H. Emmerson, L. C. Evans, W. A. Fagal, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., James G. Fulfer, T. S. Geraty, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, W. J. Hackett, Richard Hammill, W. J. Harris, R. R. Hegstad, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, W. A. Howe, G. A. Huse, I. H. Ihrig, J. O. Iversen, D. S. Johnson, Werber Johnson, W. J. Keith, J. C. Kozel, H. W. Lowe, Theodore Lucas, G. M. Mathews, O. O. Mattison, W. H. Mattison, D. A. McAdams, F. R. Millard, E. L. Minchin, C. E. Moseley, Jr., F. A. Mote, W. E. Murray

C. J. Nagele, G. R. Nash, J. R. Nelson, Lawrence M. Nelson, F. D. Nichol, R. H. Nightingale, W. B. Ochs, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, J. W. Peeke, F. L. Peterson, W. E. Phillips, A. V. Pinkney, R. J. Radcliffe, M. H. Reeder, D. R. Rees, E. J. Remboldt, L. B. Reynolds, R. L. Reynolds, H. E. Rice, H. M. S. Richards, A. H. Roth, R. P. Rowe, W. A. Scharffenberg, V. W. Schoen, C. A. Scriven, H. D. Singleton, Clark Smith, Jere D. Smith, F. A. Soper, J. R. Spangler, Carl Sundin, A. F. Tarr, E. W. Tarr, C. L. Torrey, E. R. Walde, R. S. Watts, A. L. White, Herbert White, Neal C. Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT:

R. E. Adams, Gordon E. Bullock, D. A. Delafield, D. C. Duffield, H. L. Dyer, H. T. Elliott, C. D. Forshee, A. L. Ingram, N. W. Litchfield, W. E. Read, B. L. Schlotthauer, A. L. Tucker, G. C. Wilson

The delegates and others present were welcomed to this the first meeting of the 1963 Autumn Council, by C. D. Forshee.

"The Lord is My Light," No. 577 in the Church Hymnal, was sung.

In the opening prayer, W. R. Beach, Secretary, asked that the words of the opening song might represent the experience of each and every individual. Also that we might be led in light and strength, joy and happiness, as we do the work of the Lord's house. He prayed that our lives might be identified with His life and purpose, that we might lead this great people into new victories, into new light, and into new accomplishments. He asked the Lord's blessing upon those

present, the work to be done; and upon the world field. He especially remembered the men and women overseas who stand so valiantly for the Lord.

R. E. Adams, who is leading out in the Narcotics Education work, sang a solo, the first stanza of the song reading as follows:

"In times like these, you need a Saviour;
In times like these, you need a Friend;
Be very sure, be very sure,
Your anchor holds, and grips the solid Rock."

He was accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Adams.

R. R. Figuhr, the Chairman, spoke a word of welcome to those in attendance. This is not a large meeting. Next year the Council will be larger. But often small meetings have made a tremendous impact on God's work down through the years.

He spoke of the book of Acts and indicated what a wonderful book it is. It records the actions of men and women who carried on for God. They lived and died for their faith. The Lord Himself taught them. He gave them an example and then He promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit. It came and how wonderfully it energized them. They were people of different classes, men and women who acted for God under all conditions--in public, in private, on the streets, in prison, and even in the moment of death. In their days it was dangerous to act for God. People could act for the world, for their business or profession, with comparative safety, but to act for God was perilous.

The accounts of these men and women were recorded for us who need the inspiration and guidance of their good examples. In this book of Acts we see the Christian church being formed and settled. We read of how they were led to believe and embrace the faith of this way of life. For them it was a change from the depths of their souls. The change took place in their living, in their worship, and with it all, there was a refreshing simplicity. Between them there existed a warm fellowship without parallel in history. They belonged to each other.

We read of Peter, the fisherman, and also of Paul, the proud Pharisee, the man who took pride in being a Hebrew of the Hebrews, learned, ambitious, and self-sufficient. We note the outstanding facts of Paul's life. They are: First, the great transformation of life; and then his unreserved dedication to the cause of Him whom he met as he journeyed toward Damascus. Peter's change was not so sudden. It took longer to accomplish it but, in the end, it was as unreserved as that of Paul's. God works differently with different men, but He achieves the same purpose.

Reference was made to Acts 12 in which there is related the violent persecution of King Herod. The record says that "he killed James" and he imprisoned Peter. This chapter tells of the remarkable deliverance of Peter from prison by the angel. The gospel work was growing, succeeding, and the enemy was aroused to oppose it. The devil's opposition is manifested in different ways. At times, his opposition seems successful, but the success is only momentary. God's cause moves triumphantly forward.

James served only thirteen years in the ministry. It was not a very long time. His brother John served over fifty years. Evidently after thirteen years of service, James' mission was accomplished. But John kept on, despite persecution and opposition, faithfully fulfilling his ministry.

There were other thoughts expressed in this talk. Among them, God does not do for us what we are able to do for ourselves. Peter, upon his release from prison, reported to the church. Where possible, we should keep in touch with our brethren as we carry on our activity. We must also be prepared for the unexpected when we deal with God, as is evidenced in this incident in Acts 12.

There followed a period of testimony in which a large number responded as time permitted. All expressed gratitude for the privilege of belonging to God's people and having a part in His great work. The service was closed by a prayer of dedication by C. L. Torrey, General Conference Treasurer.

A ten-minute intermission was given at 10:20 A.M.

At 10:30 A.M. the first business meeting of the Council began. R. R. Figuhr was Chairman.

R. S. Watts, a General Vice-President, offered prayer.

The Agenda booklets were distributed.

DAILY PROGRAM:

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

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

AUTUMN COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES:

VOTED, To appoint Standing Committees for the 1963 Autumn Council, as follows:

AUDITING

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

Ambs, K. F.	Carcich, Theodore	Ihrig, I. H.	Rees, D. R.
Anderson, G. T.	Dittberner, J. L.	Johnson, D. S.	Rowe, R. P.
Beach, W. R.	Dunbar, E. W.	Kozel, J. C.	Scriven, C. A.
Becker, E. L.	Dunn, N. W.	Millard, F. R.	Smith, Jere D.
Bietz, R. R.	Emmerson, K. H.	Murray, W. E.	Tarr, A. F.
Blake, O. A.	Evans, L. C.	Nightingale, R. H.	Torrey, C. L.
Bothe, J. W.	Forshee, C. D.	Palmer, C. E.	Watts, R. S.
Bradley, W. P.	Hackett, W. J.	Pascoe, W. L.	Wilson, Neal C.
Campbell, M. V.	Hammill, Richard	Peterson, F. L.	

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STANDING COMMITTEES (continued):

BUDGET

	Torrey, C. L.	Chairman	
	Blake, O. A.	Secretary	
Ambs, K. F.	Dunbar, E. W.	Kozel, J. C.	Pascoe, W. L.
Beach, W. R.	Dunn, N. W.	Mattison, O. O.	Peterson, F. L.
Becker, E. L.	Emmerson, K. H.	Millard, F. R.	Phillips, W. E.
Bietz, R. R.	Evans, L. C.	Mote, F. A.	Rees, D. R.
Bothe, J. W.	Figuhr, R. R.	Murray, W. E.	Reynolds, R. L.
Bradley, W. P.	Forshee, C. D.	Nagele, C. J.	Scriven, C. A.
Campbell, M. V.	Hackett, W. J.	Nightingale, R. H.	Smith, Jere D.
Carcich, Theodore	Johnson, D. S.	Ochs, W. B.	Tarr, A. F.
Dittberner, J. L.	Keith, W. J.	Palmer, C. E.	Watts, R. S.
			Wilson, Neal C.

FINANCE

	Torrey, C. L.	Chairman	
	Kozel, J. C.	Secretary	
Ambs, K. F.	Campbell, M. V.	Gibson, J. O.	Phillips, W. E.
Beach, W. R.	Carcich, Theodore	Guenther, C. E.	Rees, D. R.
Becker, E. L.	Cone, R. L.	Hackett, W. J.	Reid, F. G.
Bedwell, H. W.	Dunbar, E. W.	Johnson, D. S.	Remboldt, E. J.
Bieber, D. J.	Dunn, N. W.	Millard, F. R.	Rice, H. E.
Bietz, R. R.	Dittberner, J. L.	Murray, W. E.	Rowe, R. P.
Blake, O. A.	Emmerson, K. H.	Nagele, C. J.	Scriven, C. A.
Bland, F. L.	Evans, L. C.	Nightingale, R. H.	Smith, Jere D.
Bothe, J. W.	Figuhr, R. R.	Ochs, W. B.	Tarr, A. F.
Bradley, W. P.	Forshee, C. D.	Pascoe, W. L.	Watts, R. S.
Bullock, Gordon E.	Geraty, T. S.	Peterson, F. L.	Wilson, Neal C.

NOMINATING

	Campbell, M. V.	Chairman	
	Bradley, W. P.	Secretary	
Beach, W. R.	Figuhr, R. R.	Peterson, F. L.	Scriven, C. A.
Bietz, R. R.	Hackett, W. J.	Rees, D. R.	Singleton, H. D.
Carcich, Theodore	Lucas, Theodore E.	Rowe, R. P.	Torrey, C. L.

PLANS

	Watts, R. S.	Chairman	
	Johnson, D. S.	Secretary	
Adams, W. Melvin	Cross, C. G.	Hammill, Richard	Mattison, W. H.
Amundsen, Wesley	Dunn, N. W.	Huse, G. A.	Minchin, E. L.
Anderson, G. T.	Edwards, J. E.	Ihrig, I. H.	Mote, F. A.
Anderson, R. A.	Fagal, W. A.	Keith, W. J.	Nash, G. R.
Bieber, D. J.	Flaiz, T. R.	Lucas, Theodore	Nichol, F. D.
Berg, O. M.	Pulfer, James G.	Mathews, G. M.	Peeke, J. W.

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STANDING COMMITTEES (concluded):

PLANS

Pinkney, A. V.
 Richards, H. M. S.
 Scharffenberg, W. A.

Singleton, H. D.
 Tarr, A. F.
 Tarr, E. W.

Walde, E. R.
 White, A. L.
 White, Herbert

Treasury Reports and Estimated Needs for Overseas and North American Fields for 1964 were distributed.

Registration cards were passed to the workers assembled and completed by them.

Reference was made to items listed in the Agenda for consideration, and items were assigned to various Standing Committees.

TREASURY REPORTS:

C. L. Torrey, Treasurer, requested O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer, to present the Financial Statement as of June 30, 1963. O. A. Blake gave the following information: The assets totaled \$26,088,326.99. The total liabilities were \$10,225,704.81; the total net worth \$15,862,622.18. The actual Operating Capital was \$9,477,476.49. This exceeded the required Capital by \$2,490,477.95. The total expenses for the first six months of 1963 were \$18,708,363.74, an increase of \$907,698.99 over that of the same period in 1962. An additional sheet which was distributed gave the following information concerning the Sustentation Section: The total assets as of June 30, 1963, amounted to \$9,694,267.97; the total liabilities were \$5,129.35. The net worth balance amounted to \$9,689,138.62. Referring to the estimated needs for overseas and North American fields for 1964, O. A. Blake said that the total estimated income for 1964 is \$28,773,246.76. The world budget requests amount to \$32,468,673.84.

C. L. Torrey stated that if the General Conference were to receive in cash all the Accounts Receivable, liquidate its Inventories at face value, pay the Divisions what we owe them, and pay off the Trust Funds and Reserve Funds voted and earmarked for specific projects, we would have on hand as of June 30, 1963, \$9,477,476.49. Our Authorized Working Capital as stipulated by General Conference policy amounted to \$6,986,998.54. The difference of \$2,490,477.95 will be taken into consideration at this Autumn Council.

He spoke of the fact that the Sustentation Fund has now been set up in a separate set of books as provided for at the Autumn Council of 1962. He referred to the total funds on hand as of June 30, 1963, amounting to \$9,689,138.62. He said that in the latter years this fund has built up faster than in the beginning.

A sheet giving information concerning North American Division tithe and mission offerings was distributed. In summarizing the information given on this sheet, C. L. Torrey stated that for 1962 the tithe amounted to \$49,157,986.21, or an increase of \$22,843,488.30, or 86.81 per cent over that contributed in 1962. The total mission offerings for the North American Division for 1952 amounted to \$8,577,168.42, whereas for 1962 the total mission offerings amounted to \$13,103,830.62, or a gain of \$4,526,662.20, or 52.78 per cent. He referred to the fact that the Sabbath School offerings showed an increase of 56.12 per cent in 1962 over that of 1952; the Investment (included in Sabbath School offerings)

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showed a 118.77 per cent gain; and the Week of Sacrifice offering a 19.88 per cent gain over the amount given in 1952. For the world field, the Week of Sacrifice offering made a gain of 42.34 per cent in 1962 over that given in 1952. The Tithe Percentage in North America showed a gain of 86.94 per cent in the same period; and the Appropriations Base (increase for world field) was \$9,184,583.01, or 76.56 per cent.

On request of C. L. Torrey, J. C. Kozel reported concerning the Sustentation program. At the present time there are 2,646 members in our Sustentation family. 140 members were added during the past year. We have a loyal and appreciative group of retired workers. O. A. Blake stated that we are operating in 116 different currencies. There are serious fluctuations in various areas of the world. We have to check on these and change the rates once in a while. W. E. Phillips spoke of the investments. He stated that the problems connected with these are considered by a committee. So far this year, our actual sales of securities have amounted to \$850,000. The actual value of the securities as of September 30, 1963, is \$5,412,000.

K. H. Emmerson referred to the Transportation Telegram which is issued monthly. For September, the actual departures listed were 24 units--families or single workers. They still have active 96 on the list of missionaries to be sent overseas. So far this year there have been 137 new missionaries sent out from the North American Division. W. L. Pascoe said there is never a dull moment in the work of caring for the finances of our missionaries on furlough. It is our endeavor to make the way as smooth and easy for them as possible. There are 200 missionary families actually on furlough at the present time. There are also 50 overseas workers, students, here in the United States, for study. We also try to help them with their problems. K. F. Ambs spoke of the Blue Prints Committee and the contribution which is made by the work of this committee to better building around the circle. Various of the departments also give information of value in this connection. He spoke also of the welfare work of the church, and the detail that is carried on in this program.

C. L. Torrey told of the work done by H. L. Dyer in compiling Treasury reports; and also referred to the close co-operation existing between the Treasury and Auditing Departments. On request of C. L. Torrey, G. R. Nash reported briefly, stating that the increase in Investment offerings is more rapid overseas than in the homeland. Since 1959, the overseas divisions have more than doubled their Investment. Over a million dollars was received for Investment in 1962; the goal for 1964 is \$1,250,000. J. E. Edwards said that it was through the co-operation of our administrators, the loyal dedication of our pastors, and the faithfulness of our members that the increase in Ingathering has been made possible. Over \$7,500,000 Ingathering for the entire world field was received for 1962. He said that scores and hundreds of people have been baptized who were reached for the first time as a result of the Ingathering interest.

A year ago, at this time, the securities market, while inching up slowly, was cause for much concern for the public generally, and to the General Conference. In May of 1962 the stock market which had reached an all-time high, began a rapid and frightening descent. The bottom was finally reached when the Dow Jones Average leveled off at 535, or a decline of about 200 points, resulting in real and paper losses to hundreds of thousands of investors and several billion dollars. The General Conference made no losses as we sold no securities. As of October 1, 1963, our paper profits stood at \$5,412,618.23. In addition to this we held intact our reserve for fluctuation in securities. A profit of \$1,000,000 has been realized by sale of securities. It is planned to use this for special appropriations for 1964. The Dow Jones Average now stands at 745.06 (October 7, 1963).

With the exception of the need for an administration building and some additional housing, the heavy capital investment needs for the Andrews University Graduate School and Seminary are cared for. He outlined the plan for financing the new hospital and clinic building at Loma Linda, which it is estimated to cost approximately \$15,000,000. It is a long, hard road ahead, as we all appreciate, but it is believed the denomination will find the funds necessary to complete the project.

C. L. Torrey quoted a letter just received from the General Manager of Harris Pine Mills, C. J. Nagele. The sales are up 13 per cent for the first nine months of 1963 over the same period of 1962. The number of plants in the Harris Pine Mills chain has been increased to eleven. On request of C. L. Torrey, C. J. Nagele also reported. He referred to their new office building which has recently been built, and the fact they are now in it. He said that the gain in sales for the first nine months of the year amounted to \$1,147,000. They employed 500 students during the regular 1962-1963 school term, and an additional 200 during the summer months, making a total of approximately 700 students given employment during the calendar year.

In conclusion, Elder Torrey told of a recent visit he and two other Officers had with some of the leading bank economists in New York City on October 8. While the economists and others with whom they met at the various banks did not see eye to eye on the details, yet on the basic problems they were pretty much in agreement. On the question of business trends they all agreed that the prospects for the next year are good right through 1964. While there has been considerable pressure on the dollar in the recent past, this seems to have disappeared and the prospects of government setting up an exchange control is at the present time very remote. He then called attention to the fact that the estimated funds available for increase in bases for 1964 is \$849,285.65. Adding to the base appropriations of the various divisions will bring courage to the hearts of our administrators. We are truly thankful to God for the wonderful spirit of leadership in the North American Division and around the world field. We are thankful for the fine promotion being given in an endeavor to increase the mission offerings for the mission field.

(The Treasury Reports for the first six months of 1963 are given on the following pages.)

GENERAL CONFERENCE
OF
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Treasury Reports
For the
Autumn Council of 1963

October 16 - 21, 1963
Washington, D. C.

C. L. Torrey, Treasurer

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Balance Sheet
June 30, 1963

ASSETS

CASH, BANKS, AND INVESTED FUNDS:

Cash	10 025 00	
Bank	<u>3 161 771 93</u>	
Total Cash and Banks		3 171 796 93

Funds Invested For:

Divisions and Miscellaneous	7 792 543 03
Trust Funds	2 406 199 99
Deferred Items	26 961 79
Net Worth Reserves	6 385 145 69
Amount of Operating Capital Invested	<u>4 077 876 19</u>

Total Invested Funds (Exhibit 1)	<u>20 688 726 69</u>
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Total	23 860 523 62
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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

Miscellaneous	1 114 826 47
Personal	311 054 16
Publishing Houses	130 676 05
Transportation Offices	122 534 86
Notes Receivable	<u>123 450 59</u>

Total Accounts Receivable	1 802 542 13
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INVENTORIES, PREPAID ITEMS AND DEPOSITS

425 261 24

Total	<u>2 227 803 37</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>26 088 326 99</u></u>
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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Balance Sheet
June 30, 1963

LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Divisions	7 057 648 86	
Miscellaneous & Personal	<u>734 894 17</u>	
Total		7 792 543 03

TRUST FUNDS		2 406 199 99
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DEFERRED ITEMS		<u>26 961 79</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES		10 225 704 81
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NET WORTH

REGULAR:

Balance, January 1, 1963	7 810 977 85	
Increase for Six Months	<u>1 666 498 64</u>	
Balance, June 30, 1963		9 477 476 49

NET WORTH RESERVES:

Balance, June 30, 1963		<u>6 385 145 69</u>
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TOTAL NET WORTH, June 30, 1963		<u>15 862 622 18</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH, June 30, 1963		<u>26 088 326 99</u>
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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
 Required and Actual Operating Capital Compared
 June 30, 1963

Actual Operating Capital:

Total Assets	26 088 326 99
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Less: Total Liabilities	10 225 704 81	
Net Worth Reserves	<u>6 385 145 69</u>	<u>16 610 850 50</u>

Actual Operating Capital	9 477 476 49
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Required Operating Capital and Fixed Reserves:

Operating Capital required is 6% of 1962 appropriations and operating expenses	1 612 384 28
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Fixed Reserves requirement is 20% of 1962 appropriations and operating expenses	<u>5 374 614 26</u>
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Total Required Operating Capital & Reserves	<u>6 986 998 54</u>
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Actual Operating Capital EXCEEDS the Required Capital by	<u><u>2 490 477 95</u></u>
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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Statement of Operations and Retained Net Worth
For Six Months Ending June 30, 1962 & 1963

	<u>INCOME</u>		Increase (Decrease)
<u>TITHE:</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	
North America:			
Union 1%	226 210 14	240 603 23	14 393 09
Local Conference Percentage	4 459 155 04	4 742 281 93	283 126 89
Special Percent for Exchange	2 939 394 04	3 168 765 33	229 371 29
Miscellaneous	15 866 93	30 775 54	14 908 61
Total	7 640 626 15	8 182 426 03	541 799 88
Overseas Divisions:			
Regular 1%	83 607 85	96 563 12	12 955 27
Total Tithe	7 724 234 00	8 278 989 15	554 755 15
<u>MISSION OFFERINGS:</u>			
North America:			
Dollar-A-Week Funds	8 572 116 46	9 005 180 01	433 063 55
Miscellaneous	2 730 67	6 919 26	4 188 59
Overseas Divisions:	8 574 847 13	9 012 099 27	437 252 14
Revertible	1 043 363 51	1 172 327 72	128 964 21
Non-Revertible	1 293 514 76	1 465 160 37	171 645 61
Total	2 336 878 27	2 637 488 09	300 609 82
Total Mission Offerings	10 911 725 40	11 649 587 36	737 861 96
<u>MISCELLANEOUS INCOME:</u>			
Commissions	3 030 33	1 465 20	(1 565 13)
Dividends and Interest - 2%	279 602 52	202 896 83	(76 705 69)
Miscellaneous Interest	4 993 24	8 055 80	3 062 56
Legacies and Matured Annuities	40 054 50	200 328 63	160 274 13
Royalties	309 77	1 039 11	729 34
Specific Mission Donations	22 187 70	29 482 50	7 294 80
Total Misc. Income	350 178 06	443 268 07	93 090 01
TOTAL INCOME	18 986 137 46	20 371 844 58	1 385 707 12
LESS: TOTAL EXPENSES	17 800 664 75	18 708 363 74	907 698 99
Net Operating Gain (Loss)	1 185 472 71	1 663 480 84	478 008 13
<u>NON-OPERATING INCOME:</u>			
Net Worth Adjustments - Income (Exp)	(1 534 872 65)	3 017 80	1 537 890 45
Net Increase (Decrease) to Net Worth	<u>(349 399 94)</u>	<u>1 666 498 64</u>	<u>2 015 898 58</u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Statement of Operations and Retained Net Worth
For Six Months Ending June 30, 1962 & 1963

	<u>EXPENSES</u>		Increase (Decrease)
	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE:</u>			
Departmental Expense	696 099 76	765 792 38	69 692 62
Transportation Offices Expense	32 637 72	34 714 81	2 077 09
General Operating Expense	106 920 58	113 395 72	6 475 14
Total Administrative Expense	<u>835 658 06</u>	<u>913 902 91</u>	<u>78 244 85</u>
<u>APPROPRIATIONS:</u>			
North America:			
Regular	1 701 609 94	1 781 487 96	79 878 02
Ingathering Overflow	2 747 420 40	2 866 424 06	119 003 66
Comeback - 18.4%	722 128 13	764 660 59	42 532 46
No. American Missions reversion	68 478 99	72 048 92	3 569 93
	<u>5 239 637 46</u>	<u>5 484 621 53</u>	<u>244 984 07</u>
Overseas Divisions:			
Regular	6 719 382 12	6 936 718 38	217 336 26
Revertible Funds	1 043 363 51	1 172 327 72	128 964 21
Spring in Tithes & Offerings	155 001 35	109 430 85	(45 570 50)
	<u>7 917 746 98</u>	<u>8 218 476 95</u>	<u>300 729 97</u>
Total Appropriations	<u>13 157 384 44</u>	<u>13 703 098 48</u>	<u>545 714 04</u>
<u>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE:</u>			
Harris Pine Mills - Manager Expense	2 818 77	-	(2 818 77)
Oakwood College - Financial Advisor	1 201 99	-	(1 201 99)
Miscellaneous & Fixed Appropriations	843 845 75	893 717 66	49 871 91
Non-Tithe Funds Exchanged	2 939 394 04	3 168 765 33	229 371 29
Specific Donations paid	20 361 70	28 879 36	8 517 66
Total Miscellaneous Expense	<u>3 807 622 25</u>	<u>4 091 362 35</u>	<u>283 740 10</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>17 800 664 75</u>	<u>18 708 363 74</u>	<u>907 698 99</u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
 Forty-, Fifty-, Sixty-, Seventy-, Eighty-cents and Dollar-A-Week Funds
 Raised from 1934 - 1962, less Reverted Funds
 North American Division Only

Year	Alaska, etc. Reversions Memo Only	Funds Raised For Missions	Basis of Membership	Cents per Week per Member	Comeback Funds 18.4%	Overflow of Ingathering & Big Week
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	80 879 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	.570	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
1960	63 772 51	12 461 889 93	332 364	.721	1 470 759 60	2 631 113 40
1961	70 205 15	12 803 397 71	343 664	.716	1 512 240 85	2 702 563 53
	239 879 91	47 996 078 21			5 636 656 71	10 241 535 77
1962	69 908 68	13 103 830 62	351 048	.718	1 553 027 92	2 753 577 74

See next page for comparison of Quadrennial Periods.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
COMPARISON OF MISSION FUNDS RAISED PER QUADRENNIAL PERIOD

North American Division Only

<u>Quadrennial Period</u>	<u>Total Mission Funds</u>	<u>Less Comeback & Overflows</u>	<u>Net Available for Missions</u>	<u>Percent for Missions, net</u>
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 - 1961	47 996 078 21	15 878 192 48	32 117 885 73	66.92
1962 -	<u>13 103 830 62</u>	<u>4 306 605 66</u>	<u>8 797 224 96</u>	<u>67.13</u>
Totals for 29 years	201 422 146 23	60 262 978 15	141 159 168 08	70.08
Average per Year	6 945 591 25	2 078 033 72	4 867 557 53	70.08
Average Per Cent	100.00	29.92	70.08	

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Ingathering Benefit to Missions

North American Division Only

<u>Union</u>	<u>1933 Net</u>	<u>1960 Net</u>	<u>1961 Net</u>	<u>1962 Net</u>
Atlantic	64 660 40	209 098 05	206 519 92	212 110 47
Canadian	28 250 26	114 860 09	121 175 39	118 312 17
Central	41 304 45	164 896 11	167 131 26	172 866 96
Columbia	78 379 26	387 955 01	390 600 14	402 832 52
Lake	37 015 22	308 591 11	311 517 80	314 888 10
Northern	-	89 907 03	90 674 92	90 753 22
North Pacific	32 107 02	164 904 74	166 342 12	170 511 98
Pacific	96 991 28	368 495 39	386 106 98	390 902 70
Southern	32 546 61	364 450 14	372 995 30	377 641 83
Southwestern	18 089 43	201 913 94	201 649 39	202 673 28
Net Ingathering available to Missions	429 343 93	2 375 071 61	2 414 713 22	2 453 493 23
Increase Over Previous Year	-	74 222 04	39 641 61	38 780 01
Total Ingathering Raised	511 123 73	5 208 613 33	5 313 868 63	5 410 460 72
Less: Net Ingathering available to Missions	429 343 93	2 375 071 61	2 414 713 22	2 453 493 23
Reverted to Unions including 18.4% comeback	81 779 80	2 833 541 72	2 899 155 41	2 956 967 49
Percent of Ingathering Reverted to Unions	16.0	54.40	54.56	54.65
Percent for Missions	84.0	45.60	45.44	45.35

Ingathering by Divisions
Years 1929, 1932, and 1962

<u>Division</u>	<u>1929</u>	<u>1932</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>Total Receipts 1908 - 1962</u>
Australasia	78 100 15	63 793 55	386 376 93	6 101 891 21
Central Europe	87 031 61	85 556 95	40 576 49	1 410 146 61
China - 1931-1954*	-	17 889 45	-	1 388 910 43
Far East	57 024 93	17 154 08	204 965 83	3 153 473 80
Inter-America	29 851 69	19 540 39	281 550 21	4 148 663 05
Middle East	-	-	3 213 68	77 526 87
North America	851 416 55	528 710 69	5 410 460 72	89 420 964 23
Northern Europe	92 489 65	73 164 31	607 091 47	8 282 143 24
South America	34 168 76	27 775 75	208 658 91	4 013 148 57
Southern Africa	27 186 15	24 086 53	283 880 14	4 976 680 02
Southern Asia	5 246 05	8 825 71	101 365 16	1 344 337 29
Southern Europe	42 323 29	46 512 06	165 688 44	2 564 804 33
Europe to 1928	-	-	-	1 014 473 35
Totals	1 304 838 83	913 009 47	7 693 827 98	127 897 163 00

* South China Island Union Receipts 1931 - 1954 included in China.
Beginning with 1955 they were included in the Far Eastern Division.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Amount of Mission Offerings for \$1 Tithe
Years 1899 to 1962

(North America Only)

1899	.154	1932	.672
1900	.302	1933	.623
1901	.334	1934	.588
1902	.283	1935	.561
1903	.241	1936	.532
1904	.245	1937	.514
1905	.225	1938	.502
1906	.213	1939	.494
1907	.279	1940	.499
1908	.316	1941	.468
1909	.358	1942	.412
1910	.384	1943	.405
1911	.358	1944	.401
1912	.409	1945	.398
1913	.416	1946	.407
1914	.485	1947	.381
1915	.528	1948	.362
1916	.477	1949	.369
1917	.468	1950	.357
1918	.620	1951	.333
1919	.480	1952	.326
1920	.590	1953	.322
1921	.663	1954	.325
1922	.670	1955	.310
1923	.635	1956	.311
1924	.625	1957	.2975
1925	.622	1958	.288
1926	.673	1959	.286
1927	.650	1960	.277
1928	.662	1961	.276
1929	.646	1962	.267
1930	.676		
1931 (High Year)	.679		

1962 Total Tithe \$49 157 986 21

1962 Mission Offerings \$13 127 912 09

If Mission Offerings had been given by our members in North America in the year 1962 as they were given in the year 1931, as compared with the tithe given, we would have had \$33,378,272.64, or \$20,250,360.55 more than we actually received.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Exhibit

Exhibit I - Investments:

1. Government Bonds	1 536 379 49	
2. Corporate Bonds	4 336 330 83	
3. Preferred and Common Stock	8 874 331 40	
4. Short Term Notes Receivable	4 550 000 00	
5. Other Investments	<u>2 261 928 58</u>	
Total	21 558 970 30	
Less: Reserve	<u>870 243 61</u>	
Net Investments		<u>20 688 726 69</u>

STATISTICAL REPORT:

The One Hundredth Annual Statistical Report of Seventh-day Adventists for 1962 was distributed to the delegates, also a report from the Statistical Secretary of the General Conference to the Autumn Council.

E. L. Becker, Statistical Secretary, called attention to the fact that this body was officially organized on May 20, 1863. Our one hundredth year was completed just a little less than five months ago today. Accessions to the faith by baptism and profession of faith during 1962 totaled 103,107 in all the world. Of this number, 83,976 were from fields outside the North American Division. The total contributions in tithes, world mission offerings, and donations for home evangelism and local church support during 1962 amounted to \$110,103,711.00.

In 1910, the average church member was one of a little group of 104,500 scattered around the world. Our average member of today stands with confidence in the midst of a church membership numbering 1,362,775, more than thirteen times the membership just a little over fifty years ago. Today there is one Seventh-day Adventist to every 2,200 people in the world. Our net church membership, over the past 50 years, has grown more than six times as fast as the world population. In North America, in 1962, we had one evangelistic worker for a population of 40,000. In the overseas divisions, one evangelistic worker is confronted with a population of 200,000. In 1910, our average believer was contributing to the work of the church a total of \$21.27 per year, in tithes, world mission offerings, and support of local church and home evangelism activities. The total per capita last year was \$84.19.

An additional interesting feature of E. L. Becker's report was a section concerning departmental activities. He concluded the report by reading Habakkuk 1: 5. We "wonder marvellously" as we see the way the Lord has led us during the years of the past; there are yet greater wonders to be accomplished in the days just ahead. Victory is not yet won, it is true--but it is almost within our grasp, just at the tips of our fingers. Let us together put forth that one last ounce of effort; let us combine our own effort with an abiding faith in the goodness and power of our God; and let the church go forth, conquering and to conquer.

AUTUMN COUNCIL AUTHORIZED MEETINGS--COMMITTEE:

A number of requests for meetings to be held during 1964 and 1965 have been received.

VOTED, To appoint a committee to give consideration to requests for meetings to be held during 1964 and 1965, as follows: Theodore Carcich, W. P. Bradley, and the Union Conference Presidents.

Announcements were made of committees to be held.

Adjourned at 12:20 P.M.

Closing prayer by Theodore Carcich.

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

Seventy-First Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 16, 1963, 4:00 P.M.

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The second business session of the Autumn Council was called to order promptly at 4:00 o'clock by Chairman Theodore Carcich.

I. H. Ihrig, General Manager of the Southern Publishing Association, offered the opening prayer.

W. P. Bradley, Secretary for the meeting, read, as a reminder that this Council is being followed by many brethren in all parts of the world, the following cable from R. H. Pierson, President of the Southern African Division: "WORKERS AND MEMBERS PRAYING EARNESTLY FOR FALL COUNCIL SESSION. MAY GOD GRANT SPECIAL GUIDANCE."

The Council recessed at 4:10 P.M. to the call of the Chair, for a legal meeting of the Constituency of the Christian Record Braille Foundation, Incorporated.

CHRISTIAN RECORD BRAILLE FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED--
CONSTITUENCY MEETING:

The Christian Record Braille Foundation, Incorporated, resumed its legal Constituency meeting, adjourned in the morning to the call of the Chair. The Treasurer's report was given by D. C. Duffield; the Directors of Field Relations and Services for the western and eastern areas (G. C. Wilson and A. L. Ingram) gave their quadrennial reports. The Constituency voted an amendment to the bylaws, to change the name of the Christian Record Benevolent Association to the Christian Record Braille Foundation, Incorporated. Board members for the ensuing term were elected. (General Conference members elected are: Theodore Carcich, W. P. Bradley, M. V. Campbell, C. L. Torrey.) The Constituency meeting adjourned sine die.

The Autumn Council resumed its business at 4:25 P.M., at the call of the Chair.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF GENERAL CONFERENCE--W. R. BEACH:

The reports this morning cheered our hearts and gave us a better understanding of what is taking place. It is well that we always restate constantly our mission in unmistakable terms. The burden of our church is unchanging: The church must live the gospel within its walls and proclaim the gospel in all the world.

In the area of living the gospel within the walls of the church, I wish to bring my personal testimony. In the past year I have been in so many places at home and overseas. God through Christ is living out His life and purpose in countless lives around the world circle.

As regards the pursual of the church's mission in all the world, I think this is moving forward with unabated vigor. There are many areas in which we see

this, one of which is the sending out of workers into the world field. This past year new and returning missionaries numbered 449. In addition, in the Far Eastern Division a group of 11 Filipino workers could have been reported, because they, too, were sent. In addition still, there were a number (14) of nationals trained in the USA who returned to their fields. Here is the complete tabulation by divisions: Australia, 49; Far East, 11; North America, 279; Northern Europe, 30; South America, 44; Southern Africa, 15; Southern Europe, 32; total 460.

In this area of our activities two points deserve special mention: These 14 nationals returning to their home fields. We want to accentuate this heartening trend; so many come, become employed, and do not return. The second item is that there is a very much better balance between the new and the returning overseas workers. In 1961 the returning workers numbered 175, and the new workers 252. In the past year instead of 175 returning workers, there were 242, and of new workers, 207. (These last figures are exclusive of the Far Eastern Division.) We hope this trend will continue and this year the pattern will be even better.

Number of Developing Problems:

Closing doors are becoming a threat. The doors are closed by a number of things, not only by laws that workers can't enter. Today many have to be highly trained to be able to get visas. Some fields require that missionaries have a knowledge of the language in which they are going to live and work. Then I think of West Africa. In one short period they were asking for three workers with Ph. D.'s. M.A.'s are required frequently.

The growing sensitivity in the areas of earth requires that men from overseas show the experienced touch in their work. The men who go out today and occupy responsible positions must have a certain capacity and ability; the overseas fields can hardly be expected to accept workers who are young, inexperienced, and prone to make mistakes.

The challenge is greater than ever before. We are just touching with our fingers the challenge within the church and without the church. We need to gather up our strength, come together and promote a positive program. As we meet with the people around the world we can see that many developing programs from the General Conference are having a far-reaching impact for God.

Christianity does not deal in emptiness, but in positive things. It is not just the absence of sin. It is the presence of a life. As we deal with the world field this presence of a new life must lead the people into new areas of activity and victory.

A few weeks ago I was in Greece where they had a camp meeting. This was quite a unique experience. There were 123 campers, more than one half non-Adventists. They were brought together through a publishing man and church leader who had a vision. Nick Tallios had an idea that better-bound books could be sold. Eleven colporteurs are working in Greece and earning many times more than before. The evangelists make the follow-up contacts and collect the money for the books sold on the installment plan. At the end of our ten-day camp meeting-evangelistic effort this year nearly 30 of these individuals took their stand for the truth.

Today God is working out His purposes, and as we look at this cause we have every occasion to be thrilled with what God is doing through dedicated leadership.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF ANDREWS UNIVERSITY--DR. RICHARD HAMMILL:

Dr. Richard Hammill, President of Andrews University, mentioned that Andrews University is composed of three schools: The College, the Seminary, and the Graduate School. A record attendance of 1226 young people are enrolled in College; 160 are on-campus enrolled in the Seminary (plus those in extension schools being operated at Hinsdale, Illinois; in Washington, D.C.; and in La Sierra, California;); 134 on-campus in school of graduate studies--an increase in all three.

MA degrees are now being given with majors in Religion, English, History, Education, Mathematics, and Music. They will need very soon to offer graduate work in Business. Their June and August graduates included 104 with MA degrees, 9 with BD degrees, and 1 with M. Th. degree. Their basic problem is to build up their reserve facilities, working toward doctoral programs in Theology and Education. Their Field Schools of Evangelism, being operated by the Seminary, have been very profitable to the students and in the winning of souls. This last year 123 people were baptized in three schools, and through past years 700 people have been baptized. They are making a definite effort to place emphasis on evangelism and soul-winning work. There is a fine spirit on campus among the student body and the teachers. Have just had the most successful Ingathering in the history of the school. Ninety cars went out. Cash proceeds amounted to \$8,000. Andrews University is developing a Heritage Room in the Library of the University, and trying to make a collection of documents that may in later years be of great value to historians of the church. Dr. Hammill made an appeal for pertinent documents or correspondence for this Heritage Room.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY--DR. G. T. ANDERSON:

Dr. G. T. Anderson, President of Loma Linda University, said their 1100 enrollment is limited in the professional schools to the availability of their resources and facilities. It is likely that for a short transition period the classes in the School of Medicine will have to be somewhat smaller than they have been, but eventually they trust it will be possible to take larger classes. They feel very grateful that the various curriculums have been fully approved now. Dean Atteberry reports that their School of Nursing had the highest average on the State Board examinations, and some of the scores were twice as high as the minimum requirements. The new Medical Center in Loma Linda will be south of the new church and School of Dentistry building, at the end of the mall. Although the programs are rather intense for the students, the faculty encourages participation in missionary endeavor. Dr. Anderson mentioned the Medical Team that went to Mexico this summer, the Heart Team that went to India. They have recently started a newspaper which they feel will be of great value to the students and friends.

FINANCE COMMITTEE--ADDITIONAL MEMBER:

VOTED, That H. E. Rice, of the Medical Department, be assigned as a member of the Finance Committee.

PARTIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:

A partial report from the Committee on Nominations was presented, and voted, as follows:

For Associate Secretary in the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department, John H. Hancock, of the North Pacific Union Conference.

Announcements were given of committees.

Closing prayer by R. A. Anderson.

Adjournment at 5:30 P.M., until Thursday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

Theodore Carcich, Chairman
W. P. Bradley, Secretary
Marjorie Marsh, Recording Secretary
pro tem.

Seventy-Second Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 17, 1963, 9:00 A.M.

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"How Far From Home," No. 665 in the Church Hymnal, was sung.

Opening prayer by Paul Nelson, missionary on furlough from Japan.

Miss Carole Emerick, a secretary in the Bureau of Public Relations, sang
"I'm a Pilgrim."

C. E. Moseley, Jr., a General Field Secretary, gave the devotional talk. He said he would be eternally grateful to the General Conference brethren for planning the meeting in Cairo, Egypt. The meeting provided one of the most delightful experiences he has ever had. Evidences show that the meetings also proved to be a rather healthy experience for the work and workers in that part of Egypt. Although only thirteen persons were baptized by him as a result of that meeting, he has in his possession the names of fifty-seven persons who wanted baptism and church membership. The latter number of people were placed in a baptismal class. Some of these have now been baptized; others will follow later.

Elder Moseley raised the question as to how does one know when a person is really converted and ready for church membership. What are the evidences of readiness? He said that he would share with us what he had learned on this topic through the years. Referring to Christ's words to Nicodemus as recorded in the gospel of John, 3: 3, he said, "Ye must be born again." Man was made in the image of his Creator. The man then becomes God-like. He becomes like the original man--just, good, righteous, lovely; and has all the other divine attributes. By means of a circle on the blackboard with a dividing line, Elder Moseley illustrated the physical and spiritual nature of man. The spiritual part of a man may be dormant until the seed is planted there. The seed is the word of God. "A new principle of life is to be implanted." (Christ's Object Lessons, page 96.) When a man has a sense of holiness, justice, goodness, righteousness, and is loving in all his attitudes, that man is born again; he is ready for baptism. It must happen before he is ready to enter the kingdom of God.

The devotional service closed at 9:55 A.M. with prayer by R. S. Watts.

The third business meeting of the Autumn Council was opened at 10:00 A.M.

R. S. Watts was Chairman.

"Higher Ground," No. 631 in the Church Hymnal, was sung.

O. O. Mattison led in prayer.

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

PERMANENTLY RETURNED WORKERS' RETIREMENT--SIX MONTHS' SUBSIDY:

VOTED, That Paragraph 69 of the Sustentation Policy (Working Policy, page 300) be amended to read as follows:

"69. If because of failing health or for retirement a worker in overseas service finds it necessary to return to the homeland, he is to be supported by the last division for which he has labored for a period of six months from the date of his sailing from the field; he may then be placed on the Sustentation Fund and shall be subsidized to full salary by the General Conference, or by his homeland division, for another period of six months, at the end of which time the Sustentation Committee gives consideration to the need of further support, except as provided for in the succeeding paragraph."

WORKERS RETIRING OR RETIRED AT SIXTY--SIX MONTHS' SUBSIDY:

VOTED, That Paragraph 110 of the Sustentation Policy (Working Policy, page 309) be amended to read as follows:

"Retirement.--110. An individual who has reached the age of sixty years and who has given thirty-two years of service may elect to retire on sustentation, in which case the employing organization shall supplement his sustentation allowance to full salary for six months. Or the employing organization may elect to recommend him for admittance to the Sustentation Fund provided that in the event of his being admitted to the fund, the said organization pays to the Sustentation Fund the equivalent of his salary for six months in addition to supplementing his sustentation allowance for six months. This provision shall not be interpreted to be a guarantee of continuous employment up to the time a worker reaches the age of sixty years. In case of retirement because of physical infirmities the six months' appropriation to the Sustentation Fund shall be waived."

POSTGRADUATE STUDY FOR MISSION FIELD DENTISTS:

VOTED, That the following section be inserted in the Working Policy, page 204, following Paragraph 50:

"Postgraduate Study for Mission-Field Dentists.--The financial and other provisions outlined in the foregoing section entitled 'Postgraduate Study for Mission-Field Physicians,' shall apply in arranging postgraduate study for mission-field dentists."

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SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS--SUMMER SCHOOL:

VOTED, That Paragraph 2, Working Policy page 285, be amended to read:

"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 organizations. Attendance at a summer session is included in the provisions of this policy.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS--FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDY:

VOTED, That Paragraph 2, Working Policy, page 161, be amended to read:

"2. During such a period of intensive study and transition their financial support will be provided by the General Conference, and will include the following benefits: Salary, rent allowance, medical expense assistance, automobile depreciation allowance if receiving that assistance previously, automobile insurance, tuition, matriculation and library fee, up to \$15.00 per semester for textbooks and syllabuses, travel assistance to and from the Seminary by the sponsoring conference."

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

TRUST AGREEMENTS--MAXIMUM RATE OF INTEREST:

VOTED, That paragraph 4, a of the Working Policy, page 227, be amended to read as follows:

"a. The maximum rate of interest used in revocable trust agreements shall be that used by the General Conference Corporation and shall be adhered to by all issuing organizations. Any deviation beyond the maximum rate shall be by authorization of the North American Division Committee on Administration."

BOARD OF REGENTS--TERM OF OFFICE:

VOTED, That the term of office for members of the Board of Regents end at the close of the calendar year (December 31).

INTEREST ON TRUST AGREEMENTS--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, To request the Chair to appoint an appropriate committee to bring in a recommendation on the maximum rate of interest on Trust Agreements.

**INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY AND
GENERAL CONFERENCE INSURANCE SERVICE--LEGAL MEETINGS:**

C. L. Torrey served as Chairman of the legal meeting of the International Insurance Company, Takoma Park, Maryland, and the General Conference Insurance Service, called at 11:00 A.M.

J. W. Peeke, Secretary, read the official call which had appeared in two issues of the Review and Herald.

Action was taken referring to the Nominating Committee of the 1963 Autumn Council the matter of filling of vacancies for four of their Board of Directors, whose terms expire in 1963, in the International Insurance Company, Takoma Park, Maryland. The names referred were as follows: W. R. Beach, W. P. Bradley, M. V. Campbell, and C. L. Torrey.

J. W. Peeke introduced to the delegates W. A. Benjamin who had the original idea of establishing the General Conference Insurance Service and the International Insurance Company. Mr. Peeke said this idea has saved the General Conference almost four million dollars in Insurance premiums and in addition they have built up a fund of almost four million dollars.

After introducing members of the Insurance office staff, J. W. Peeke presented the annual comparative report of the General Conference Insurance Agencies and Company. By means of charts he presented the information that the net worth at the end of December, 1962, was \$3,895,600, and the premiums amounted to \$1,514,500 for the year. The total Insurance in force for the International Insurance Company on December 31, 1962, was \$376,953,600; an increase of \$53,000, 000 over the previous year.

The reading of the Auditor's Certificate was waived since it was printed in the financial reports that had been distributed.

W. P. Bradley, Secretary of the Nominating Committee, read the names of those elected to fill the vacancies in the International Insurance Company Board of Directors.

VOTED, That W. R. Beach, M. V. Campbell, C. L. Torrey, and W. P. Bradley be elected to serve as members of the Board of Directors of the International Insurance Company, for a term of three years.

Adjournment was taken at 11:30 A.M.

**INTERNATIONAL TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION--LEGAL MEETING:
(Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors)**

R. S. Watts, President of the International Temperance Association, called the meeting to order. Reports were rendered by W. A. Scharffenberg, the Executive Secretary, and J. O. Gibson, the Treasurer. The reading of the Auditor's statement was waived.

W. A. Scharffenberg gave a brief report of the progress that had been made in organizing additional national temperance societies, in launching new publications in various language areas, in the development of the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism, and in the conducting of Institutes of Scientific Studies.

Emphasis was placed on the progress that had been made in setting up the First International Congress on Smoking and Health. A brief report of the organizational meetings held in Chicago, New York, and Houston, indicated that the Congress had received the endorsement and active support of a large number of prominent persons. Attention was called to the list of officers and the men who had been elected to serve on the Board of Directors and on the Advisory Board. The Board of Directors when completely set up will consist of thirty-five prominent men--fifteen from overseas and twenty from the United States. The Board of Advisors will consist of fifty prominent men--thirty from overseas and twenty from the United States. The final organizational meeting will be held on October 20. The Congress will be held in New York City. Tentative dates have been set for June 27-29, 1965.

AMERICAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY--LEGAL MEETING:
(Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors)

R. S. Watts, President of the American Temperance Society, called the meeting to order. J. O. Gibson presented the Treasurer's report. The reading of the Auditor's statement was waived. W. A. Scharffenberg then gave a brief report, calling the attention of the Board to the progress that had been made in building up the Society.

R. E. Adams and Otis Graves were appointed to serve as members of the Executive Council.

"Our greatest need," said W. A. Scharffenberg, "is for largehearted, large-minded men, who have the love of God in their hearts and who have dedicated their lives to the temperance work."

Plans should be mapped out whereby young men who have chosen temperance as their life work could be recruited in their freshman year, and upon graduation placed as temperance interns. The crying need of the hour is for full-time secretaries, men who will take advantage of every opportunity to improve themselves and become more efficient in their work. Men are needed who will devote their full time to the building up of our temperance work through the selection and training of our church temperance secretaries, the organizing and fostering of ATS Action Units, the launching of aggressive membership drives that will reach out far beyond our own denominational circles, recruiting of young people who would be interested in working their way through college in soliciting members for the American Temperance Society, building up the circulation of Listen to at least 5,000,000 and Smoke Signals to at least 10,000,000, giving lectures in high schools before civic organizations and service clubs, promoting the Five-Day Plan, launching the de-socialization program, locating students for the Institutes of Scientific Studies, and fostering the various activities of the American Temperance Society.

"Greater strength comes," suggested Elder Scharffenberg, "when conferences, unions, and divisions counsel closely with the General Conference when selecting men to carry the temperance work in their respective fields."

Attention was also called to the inroads that were being made by the tobacco and alcoholic beverage industry among our own members, especially our youth.

Emphasis was placed on the importance of setting up a financial structure that would make it possible to employ a full-time secretary in every state. An action was taken recommending that the Temperance Department Advisory Committee give study to the formulation of a policy that would make it possible for every conference to employ a full-time secretary and report the results of their study at the 1964 session.

Adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

The Autumn Council resumed its work, with R. S. Watts serving as Chairman.

Report was made by R. R. Figuhr that contact has been made with John E. Hancock, and he has accepted the call to the General Conference to be an Associate Secretary in the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department. It is his plan to assume his new duties shortly after the first of the year.

Attention was then given to an Agenda of items for consideration by the General Conference Committee.

MINUTES of the meeting held October 10, 1963, were approved.

DONALD M. JOHNSTON--KETTERING MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Loma Linda University a call from the Columbia Union Conference for Donald M. Johnston, a Technician in the Clinical Laboratory, to connect with the Kettering Memorial Hospital, in Dayton, Ohio, as Laboratory Technician.

ELFORD RADKE--UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Press Publishing Association a call from the North Pacific Union Conference for Elford Radke, Assistant Branch Manager, to connect with the Upper Columbia Conference as Assistant Manager of the Book and Bible House.

KENNEDY COOPER--DAVIS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to Kennedy Cooper, now employed in the Lutheran Hospital, in Beatrice, Nebraska, an invitation from the Inter-American Division for him to serve as a Medical Technologist for the Davis Memorial Hospital, in Georgetown, British Guiana, on the basis of a national returning to his homeland.

LINDSAY THOMAS--IVORY COAST, WEST AFRICA:

VOTED, That Lindsay Thomas, of Long Beach, California, be invited to connect with the Northern European Division for educational and medical work in West Africa.

MAURICE T. BASCOM--JAPAN:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Northern California Conferences be requested to release Maurice T. Bascom, and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division for evangelistic work in Japan.

ARNE JENSEN--KARACHI HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern European Division a call from the Southern Asia Division for Arne Jensen, of Skodsborg, Denmark, to serve as a Dietitian for the Karachi Hospital, in West Pakistan.

ASSISTANT DIETITIAN FOR KARACHI--CALL CANCELED:

VOTED, To cancel the call placed with the Far Eastern Division for an Assistant Dietitian for Karachi, West Pakistan, on request of the Southern Asia Division.

JACK E. GIBBONS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Jack E. Gibbons and family from Belem, on account of illness in the family, and in harmony with the recommendation of the South American Division.

KAREN KEPKEY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Karen Kepkey, daughter of Elder and Mrs. R. E. Kepkey, of Nicaragua, for educational reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To authorize appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Division Travel Committee, as follows:

- Vinston Adams--Cleveland, Ohio, Press emergency, October 15;
- W. Melvin Adams--New York City, Religious Liberty Rally, October 20; Houston, Texas, Protestants and Other Americans United National Convention, January 20-22, 1964;
- Euel Atchley (Columbia Union College)--Burbank, California, Spring Week of Prayer, March 22-28 (Burbank church to care for expenses);
- R. Curtis Barger--Central Union, Nebraska Workers' Meeting and speaking appointments, November 9-12 (extension of trip to Omaha);
- O. A. Blake--San Antonio, Texas, Service Center Board; Huntsville, Alabama, Oakwood Board, October 27-29;
- F. L. Bland--to Oakwood Board Meeting, October 28, en route to Omaha, Nebraska;
- E. E. Cleveland--Atlanta, Georgia, new Berean Church Open House, October 25-November 2;
- E. W. Dunbar--Oshawa, Ontario, annual Union Committee meeting, November 4-7;
- C. E. Guenther--Omaha, Nebraska, Advisory Council, November 6 (in connection with trip to Minneapolis and Berrien Springs already voted);
- M. Carol Hetzell--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Union Departmental Council, November 6, 7;
- W. A. Higgins--Pacific, North Pacific, Central Unions, Publishing Institutes, December 26-January 9;
- W. A. Howe--Miami, Florida, Collegedale, Union Departmental Council, other appointments in Southern Union, November 6-14 (extension of trip to Southern Missionary College);
- D. A. McAdams--Morgantown, West Virginia, Publishing Council, October 30-November 3; El Paso, Texas, Southwestern Union Sales Developing Meeting, November 11-16 (in connection with trip to Southern Union); Lincoln, Nebraska, Union College Publishing Institute, February 28-March 2;
- J. R. Nelson--San Antonio, Texas, interview candidates for "Operation Whitecoat," October 29-November 4;
- W. E. Phillips--Pacific Union, Union Departmental Council, Welfare business, November 6-10;
- M. H. Reeder--College Place, Washington, Union Public Relations Seminar, October 28-November 7;
- L. G. Small, Joseph Fornal--Annapolis, Maryland, State-wide Fire Prevention Conference, October 21, 22.

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At 12:20 P.M. a short meeting of the North American Division Committee on Administration was held.

Announcements were made of committees called.

Adjourned at 12:35 P.M.

Closing prayer by K. F. Ambs.

R. S. Watts, Chairman
N. W. Dunn, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Seventy-Third Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 17, 1963, 4:00 P.M.

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The fourth business session of the Autumn Council convened with F. L. Peterson as Chairman.

Opening prayer.

A recommendation from the General Conference Officers and Union Presidents was presented and voted as follows:

SUSTENTATION ELIGIBILITY--MARRIED WOMEN:

VOTED, That the following revisions and changes in the sustentation regulations be made in the General Conference Working Policy:

1. That paragraphs 104 through 113 be renumbered to follow paragraph 41.
2. That paragraph 48 be omitted, which currently is as follows:

"A single woman who leaves denominational service in order to marry and who has at the time of leaving the work, twenty-five or more years of service, may be considered eligible for assistance from the fund upon reaching the age of sixty years, if in the judgment of the Sustentation Committee circumstances and conditions seem to warrant the granting of such assistance."

3. That paragraph 50 be revised as follows:

"Widows or single women receiving sustentation may continue to draw assistance from the fund after marriage in case the husband is physically incapacitated or is unable to provide for the support of the family."

4. That paragraph 51 be revised to read:

"A married woman who has served the cause not less than fifteen years and whose husband is incapacitated and does not have sufficient financial resources to support the family, may be considered eligible to receive assistance from the fund in harmony with the provisions of the policy as stated in paragraph 112."

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5. That the note under paragraph 51 be revised as follows and be numbered as a separate paragraph:

"Sustentation assistance granted by the committee under the provisions of paragraphs 49 to 51 should be such as to bring the total income of the family, exclusive of Social Security, up to the family rate of sustentation provided by the schedule for the wife's years of service."

6. That paragraphs 53, 54, and 55 be designated a, b, c, under paragraph 52, the revised form to be as follows:

"52. The widow of a worker may be given assistance under any one of the following conditions:

"a. If she has been the wife of a worker while in active service for not less than fifteen years.

"b. If she has shared in her husband's active service for less than fifteen years, but has been in active service herself prior to her marriage or after the active service of her husband ceased, and her service added to the active service of her husband during their married life amounts to fifteen years or more.

"c. If she is not eligible for sustentation benefits under paragraphs a and b but is left with dependent children resulting from her marriage to a worker or from a former marriage of the husband, she may be given assistance from the fund until such time as the children have reached the age of eighteen, but great care should be exercised that a widow whose service or the service of the father of the children has been short, be not placed on the fund until it has been found that no other provision can be made for her."

7. That paragraph 58 be revised to read:

"A woman who withdraws from the organized work in order to marry may be considered eligible for assistance from the fund in case of becoming a widow, provided she has had 20 or more years of service to her credit prior to marriage and complies with the provision of the policy as stated in paragraph 112. In case she has less than 20 years of service and re-enters the work within five years after marriage, the provisions of the policy as stated in paragraph 43 shall not apply."

COMMITTEE TO STUDY PROBLEM OF SUSTENTATION
FOR MARRIED WOMEN:

VOTED, To ask the Officers of the General Conference to appoint a committee to give further study to the problem of sustentation for married women of the denomination.

A further recommendation from the General Conference Officers and Union Presidents was presented and voted as follows:

LIBERTY MAGAZINE--SUBSCRIPTION RATE PERIOD:

VOTED, That the time for promoting Liberty Magazine be limited to that which has been assigned in the Church Calendar, but that the special price and the re-mitting of subscriptions by our churches for Liberty Magazine may be continued throughout the following month.

Recommendations from the Plans Committee were presented, and voted as follows:

REVISION OF LITERATURE-EVANGELIST FUND
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, 1. That paragraph c of Section 2, Working Policy, page 127, be amended to read as follows:

+ "To be eligible for credentials a literature evangelist shall have held a license for at least nine [twelve] consecutive months. [Within these limits of time] Before eligibility for credentials is established, there shall have been turned in at least 44 weekly reports, totaling at least 1,500 hours if a man, and at least 1,200 hours if a woman, with satisfactory results in deliveries. The general record must also be satisfactory. These standards shall also determine the renewal of credentials from year to year. It is understood that the cumulative hours worked by the literature evangelist, and weekly reports rendered during the three months' period of service for license, and the nine months' period of service for credentials, shall constitute the basis on which the credentials will be granted."

2. That number (1) of paragraph e, Section 6, Working Policy, page 128, be amended to read as follows:

"The literature evangelist to have worked a full twelve-month period, turning in at least 44 weekly reports and who during that twelve-month period qualifies on the minimum hourly and delivery requirements as stipulated in No. 6. The year in which a literature evangelist establishes the record upon which he is granted credentials shall be the year upon which his eligibility to a vacation is determined, provided he has met the above financial requirements and his account is satisfactory to the conference publishing department committee. A new literature evangelist is entitled, under the provisions of this policy, to receive his first vacation after twelve [fifteen] months of service if he has met the requirements all along the way of a three-month period of service for license, plus the nine- [twelve] month period of service for credentials and vacation. It is understood that the cumulative hours and deliveries reported by the literature evangelist and weekly reports rendered during the three-months' period of service for license, and the nine-months' period of service for credentials, shall constitute the basis on which a vacation is granted."

A CALL FOR MORE LITERATURE EVANGELISTS:

WHEREAS, Prophecy and world conditions indicate the coming of our blessed Lord is imminent, and

WHEREAS, Church history reveals that growth in membership assuredly follows wherever a strong literature evangelism program is promoted, and

+ New material is underlined; deletions are in brackets.

WHEREAS, The evangelistic needs of North America call for a greatly expanded force of literature evangelists in each conference to meet the objectives outlined by God for the Remnant Church; therefore

We recommend, 1. That the active support of all conference administrators, conference committees, school administrators, pastors, and other church leaders be enlisted in the recruiting of a great army of full-time and part-time workers needed to evangelize our territory with truth-filled literature.

2. That we hereby issue a clarion call to the whole church to rally to the support of the literature ministry that it may fulfill its divinely appointed place in the finishing of the Lord's work in the earth.

3. That the following PLAN OF ACTION be inaugurated in order to implement this resolution:

a. That the union and local conference officers, together with all Publishing Department leaders throughout the North American Division, immediately put forth constant efforts to double the number of literature evangelists in their fields.

b. That a period be set aside at the forthcoming Workers' Meetings to study plans to increase the number of literature evangelists, and also to better co-ordinate the evangelistic work of the preacher and literature evangelist.

c. That the General Conference Officers be requested to prepare appropriate articles for the Review and Herald and union papers featuring the soul-winning possibilities of the publishing ministry, and issuing a call to our people everywhere for more literature evangelists.

d. That conference committees give careful study to providing specialized leadership to organize church auxiliary sales groups throughout each field and to recruit and train a large number of part-time literature evangelists for the purpose of distributing small subscription books and magazines.

e. That conference executives encourage every minister and local church elder to emphasize the evangelistic importance of the literature ministry, and to make a personal appeal for more literature evangelists during the eleven-o'clock service on Literature Evangelist Rally Day.

f. That Bible study bands be organized in the churches in order to follow up interests created by literature evangelists.

BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSES AS DISTRIBUTING AGENCIES:

VOTED, That the paragraph entitled "Book and Bible Houses as Distributing Agencies," page 39, Publishing Department Policies, 1963 Edition (as voted in the Spring Meeting of the General Conference, 1948) be revised to read as follows:

"The Book and Bible Houses in the North American Division shall be recognized as the only distributing agencies for our denominational publishing houses within their respective territories, except where, by vote of the union conference committee and approval of the General Conference, the union operates a central collection HHES office which distributes literature sold by the literature evangelists."

LIBERTY MAGAZINE--WORLD DIVISIONS:

VOTED, That we call the attention of our world divisions to the appropriateness at the present time of placing before all lands the great principles of religious liberty through the use of Liberty Magazine and any other appropriate literature.

The Plans Committee presented a further recommendation which was adopted as follows:

SABBATH SCHOOL INVESTMENT FUND:

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

WHEREAS, The Sabbath School Investment Fund has proved to be a most successful method of raising offerings for our world mission program, bringing in \$1,000,609.77 in 1962; therefore

We recommend, 1. That the Sabbath School Department continue to promote effectively the Investment Fund, realizing that this offering 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 1964, \$1,250,000 to be raised through the Investment Fund.

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

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

AUTHORIZATION FOR GRADUATE STUDIES:

VOTED, That authorization be granted for the following graduate offerings subject to satisfactory compliance with the recommendations of the Commission on Graduate Education in the United States in each case:

Andrews University

Master of Arts in Teaching, with authorization to offer the cognate courses

Doctor of Theology (as previously authorized)

Loma Linda University

Master of Arts--Anthropology-Sociology, effective Autumn 1964

Master of Arts in Religion--limiting the enrollment to students whose primary registration is in the Schools of Medicine and Dentistry, either in the professional or post-professional sections.

Master of Science

Public Health Nutrition
Tropical Public Health

La Sierra College
Master of Arts

Elementary teacher education
Secondary school teacher education
School administration and/or supervision
Pupil personnel services

Cognate Course work--6 semester hours

Music
English
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
History

Pacific Union College

Master of Arts in Education to prepare teachers for denominational and State of California certification with concentration in elementary and secondary education.

Cognate Course work--9 quarter hours

Biology
Chemistry
Mathematics
Physics
Business Administration
English
History
Industrial Education
Home Economics
Secretarial Science

SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS:

VOTED, That Section 1, Working Policy, page 285, be amended to read as follows:

"The organization employing the parent of the student may make a grant of up to 50 per cent of the tuition and all required fees [delete: in connection with matriculation and courses of instruction] for dormitory students, and 25 per cent for those not in the dormitory. This shall not include charges for private music lessons except where such lessons are required for credit toward music majors or minors, in which case the above percentages may be applied on the basis of the tuition ordinarily charged for an equivalent number of credit hours."

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION MISSIONARY LEAFLET:

VOTED, That the General Conference Officers be authorized to prepare an appropriate leaflet about Seventh-day Adventists and their work, for distribution at the time of the General Conference session, particularly in the Detroit area.

Announcements of further meetings.

Closing prayer.

Adjournment at 5:30 P.M. until 10:00 A.M., Friday morning

F. L. Peterson, Chairman; E. W. Dunbar, Secretary
Marjorie Marsh, Recording Secretary pro tem.

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Seventy-Fourth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 18, 1963, 9:00 A.M.

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The opening hymn was "Let Others Seek a Home Below," No. 662 in the Church Hymnal.

O. O. Mattison, a General Field Secretary, led in prayer.

Marvin H. Reeder, Associate Secretary in the Bureau of Public Relations, sang "There's A Wideness."

W. A. Howe, who has recently connected with the Department of Education as an Associate Secretary, was the devotional speaker. He referred to the great religious meeting now in progress in the city of Rome. Little that has transpired in this century has received either the breadth or depth of coverage by the news media. There are a number of comparisons and contrasts with the meetings in progress at this council. Both meetings consist of the highest ranking leadership of their respective communions. Both have a vision that is world-wide in scope. Both seek the conquest of the world. Here the similarities cease. The other religious group meets in pomp and medieval splendor; our group in simple humility, with our world leader telling us, "Each belongs to the other." Politics, diplomacy, public acclaim, and popularity are exploited to the full for the purpose of furthering the fortunes of the one group. Only the power of Omnipotence and the Holy Spirit, achieved and appropriated by the servants of the Most High God is sought by this church leadership.

Speaking of our place in denominational endeavor, he said we need to get the proper perspective. It was Jesus, the God-man, who was really the first evangelist. He is the continuing evangelist. From the beginning of sin until now His ministry of reconciliation has been uninterrupted. All that He has done or is now doing in relation to men has had as its great objective--bringing men to Jesus Christ for their salvation. The history of evangelism is the record of God's efforts to draw men out of sin. The great business of the church of Christ, the supreme justification for our existence as an organization is evangelism. Everything else in the church, no matter how important it may be, must take second place. Evangelism is to the church what harvesting is to farming. Harvesting is not all there is to farming, but it most certainly is the major purpose of all that is done on the farm. It should be the major purpose of all the workers all the time to bring people to Christ, and to guide them into service as His disciples. Dr. Howe suggested that we turn our eyes upon Jesus for suggestions for evangelism. His chief activity could be broken into three major classes--preaching, teaching, and healing. Our hearts and lives must be so completely surrendered to Him that they will be fully controlled by Him.

The devotional hour was closed with prayer by M. V. Campbell.

Autumn Council

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At 9:40 A.M., the fifth business meeting of the Council was called to order.

M. V. Campbell served as Chairman.

"Stand Up for Jesus," No. 354 in the Church Hymnal, was sung.

C. G. Cross, General Manager of the Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc., led in prayer.

The following recommendation from the Plans Committee was adopted:

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND OFFERINGS FOR 1965:

JANUARY

Soul-Winning Opportunities	January 2*
(Missionary prospects and projects)	January 2
Church Missionary Offering	
LIBERTY Magazine Campaign	January 16-23*
(Special price and remittances limited to January and February)	
Religious Liberty Offering	January 23

FEBRUARY

Opening the Bible to the World	February 6*
(Bible Evangelism Crusade)	
Church Missionary Offering	February 6
Faith for Today Offering	February 13
Christian Home and Family Altar	February 20*
Christian Home Week	February 20-27
Temperance Commitment Day	February 27

MARCH

Doorbell Contacts	March 6*
(With literature and BCS application cards)	
Church Missionary Offering	March 6
Sabbath School Rally Day	March 13
Spring Mission Offering	March 13
Missionary Volunteer Day	March 20*
Missionary Volunteer Week	March 20-27

APRIL

Missionary Magazines That Win	April 1-30*
(Special price and remittances limited April through June)	
Church Missionary Offering	April 3
Loma Linda University Offering	April 10

MAY

Health and Welfare Evangelism	May 1*
Church Missionary Offering	May 1
Disaster and Famine Relief Offering	
(Alternating with Servicemen's Literature Offering)	May 8*
Spirit of Prophecy Day	May 15*
Bible Correspondence School Enrollment Day	May 22*

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JUNE

Home-Foreign Challenge	June 5*
Church Missionary Offering	June 5
North American Missions Offering	June 12
(Alternating with Christian Record Offering)	

JULY

Medical Missionary Day	July 3*
Church Missionary Offering	July 3
Midsummer Missions Service and Offering	July 10

AUGUST

Pioneer Evangelism (Unentered Counties)	August 7*
Church Missionary Offering	August 7
Oakwood College Offering	August 14
Educational Day and Elementary Offering	August 21*

SEPTEMBER

Literature Evangelists Rally Day	September 4*
Church Missionary Offering	September 4
Missions Extension Day and Offering	September 11
MV Pathfinder Day	September 18*
<u>Review and Herald Campaign</u>	September 11-October 9

OCTOBER

Neighborhood Evangelism (Reaching Homes and Hearts)	October 2*
Church Missionary Offering	October 2
Voice of Prophecy Offering	October 9
Sabbath School Visitors' Day	October 9
Community Relations Day	October 16
Temperance Day Offering (Shared with local fields)	October 23

NOVEMBER

Week of Prayer	November 6-13*
Church Missionary Offering	November 6
Annual Sacrifice Offering	November 13
Ingathering Campaign	November 20-
	December 31

DECEMBER

Ingathering (The Silver Vanguard Objective)	December 4*
Church Missionary Offering	December 4

13th Sabbath Offerings for 1965:

March 27 - Southern Asia Division
June 26 - Central European Division
September 25 - Southern European Division
December 25 - Australasian Division

*Special programs to be provided

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

MISSIONS OFFERING PROMOTION:

Responsibility of Pastors and Church Elders

WHEREAS, Our pastors and local church elders play an important role in directing the interest, activities, and giving of our church members,

We recommend, 1. That all pastors and local church elders be encouraged to follow a program of positive mission offering promotion by calling the attention of the church membership to the special mission offering appeals which are a part of the regular denominational program, thus providing our church members an opportunity to give more liberally to the support of our mission program.

2. That we adhere to the following statement from the Church Manual:

"When any offering is taken for foreign missions or for a general or local enterprise, all monies placed in the offering plate, unless otherwise indicated by the donor, shall be counted as part of that particular offering." --Church Manual, p. 187 (1963 edition)

Camp Meeting Mission Offering Promotion

WHEREAS, There has been a tendency to place less emphasis on the importance of mission offerings in connection with the Sabbath services at our annual camp meetings,

We recommend, That renewed emphasis be placed upon missions giving at the time of the large Sabbath services in connection with our camp meetings, and that we adhere to the following recommendations adopted by the General Conference Committee:

"1. That at the Sabbath School hour during the camp meeting those in charge confine their fund-raising efforts to the regular Sabbath School Offering.

"2. That all of our conferences follow the plan of making special appeals for mission funds at our camp-meeting services, endeavoring to secure large gifts from our people for our world work." --GC Committee, April 5, 1955.

"3. That when camp-meeting offerings are divided between local projects and missions, the division be made on a fifty-fifty basis, with the understanding that it be made clear to all that the offering will be divided, unless specific request is made by the donor that his total offering be credited to missions or to a local project." --Autumn Council, 1960.

Change in Name of Mission Offerings

WHEREAS, The present church calendar provides for four special mission offerings during the year which are received during the months of March, July, September, and November, and

WHEREAS, The Week of Sacrifice Offering and the Annual Offering were combined into one offering several years ago,

VOTED, The following changes in names of special mission offerings:

1. Mission Advance Offering be changed to Spring Mission Offering.
2. Midsummer Offering be changed to Midsummer Mission Offering.
3. Week of Sacrifice Offering be changed to Annual Sacrifice Offering.
(Note: The name of the Missions Extension Offering received in September would remain unchanged.)

Annual Sacrifice Offering

WHEREAS, In the latter weeks of the year there is a universal custom of spending money on gifts for members of the family and friends, and

WHEREAS, The work of God is in need of a greatly expanded amount of funds for the finishing of the work in all the world, and

WHEREAS, Large sums which are ordinarily spent on relatives and friends might well be invested in the bank of heaven by liberal giving to missions,

We recommend, That the individual goal in the Annual Sacrifice Offering be a minimum of one day's income and that the earlier plan of contributing a week's income or more be encouraged.

Sabbath School Offering Promotion

We recommend, That additional efforts be put forth to increase our giving to missions through the Sabbath School by emphasizing the following:

1. The enrollment and participation of every church member in the Sabbath School.
2. Increased giving in the weekly Sabbath School Offering to Missions by encouraging individual members to increase their own weekly offering.
3. Increased participation in the regular Birthday Offering which is received once each month.
4. A more universal participation in the Sabbath School Investment plan.
5. The education of the young people attending our boarding academies and colleges concerning the importance of our mission program and the necessity for regular liberal giving to missions through the weekly Sabbath School Offering, with Sabbath School officers and teachers in these educational institutions appealing to the students to give even as the Lord has prospered them.

Challenge and Resolution Addressed to Sabbath School Members

Because it has pleased God in His mercy and wisdom to bring us to this hour of unprecedented material blessing and spiritual challenge to finish the work of the Master,

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We recommend, That every member be urged to increase his personal weekly giving to the Sabbath School during 1965 by at least 50% over the amount given during the previous year.

Ingathering Participation

We recommend, That denominational workers and church officers continue to encourage total membership participation in the Ingathering campaign as a means of increasing the flow of mission funds.

TRAVEL IN NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION-GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF:

We recommend, That the unions in the North American Division follow a program of planning requests for visits from the General Conference personnel no later than the end of the year for services that may be desired during the ensuing year, with the following suggestions:

1. That the anticipated requests for General Conference personnel needed for meetings which have been approved by union committees be submitted, as far as possible, to the General Conference by the union officers at the time of the Autumn Council.

2. That these requests include the usual type of services rendered by General Conference personnel, such as: Union Departmental Advisory meetings, Week of Prayer appointments, congresses and rallies, special convocations and conventions, medical and ministerial retreats, etc.

3. That requests for General Conference personnel to attend camp meetings, union sessions and regularly scheduled board meetings need not be requested in this manner.

4. That it be understood that we move into this program as rapidly as consistent.

PROPHETIC GUIDANCE COURSE:

Recognizing the value of the Prophetic Guidance Course, especially in educating new believers in regard to the benefits of the gift of the Spirit of prophecy to our church,

We recommend, 1. That the Voice of Prophecy conduct the Prophetic Guidance Course on a continuous or alternate basis as may seem advisable to the Voice of Prophecy administration.

2. That plans be made to arrange the finances of the course on a basis where it may be self-supporting from contributions from students of the course.

3. That the implementation of plans for soliciting contributions from the students of the course be the responsibility of the Voice of Prophecy, in co-operation with the Spirit of Prophecy Committee.

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D. A. Delafield, Associate Secretary in the Ellen G. White Estate, Incorporated, said that approximately 55,000 individuals have enrolled in the Prophetic Guidance Course. Approximately 15,000 have graduated from the twenty-four lesson course. We have received word from the Northern European Division that our people in England are starting classes in different churches. Such an operation has also begun in Australia. An abridged set of lessons has been prepared and sent to the division secretaries around the world, for the purpose of having these translated into various languages so that our people around the world can study this course. We will never know until we get to heaven how much the study of this course has done to stabilize our people. He referred with gratitude to the work done by the Voice of Prophecy since 1960 in offering these lessons.

SPECIAL DOCUMENT:

H. W. Lowe said that the document entitled "Some Current Errors in Brinsmead Teachings," prepared by the Defense Literature Committee, has been sent to union and local presidents, and to the heads of major institutions. He suggested that the leaders present may wish to place some of these documents in the hands of their workers. The cost is 50 cents each, plus postage. This document, if placed in the hands of local pastors, will enable them to meet the teachings of those who are in opposition. It has a table of contents and an index that is very readily usable.

VOTED, That authorization be given for providing a copy of the document also to the members of the General Conference Committee in North America.

MEETING OF COLLEGE PRESIDENTS AND BOARD CHAIRMEN:

VOTED, To authorize the holding of a meeting in 1964 of the College Presidents and Board Chairmen, and the sponsoring of a Geo-Science field trip, in connection with the quadrennial meeting of the College Teacher Section Meetings, if there is sufficient interest to warrant it.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA--INCORPORATED:

VOTED, To authorize the formation of an organization known as the Religious Liberty Association of America; the plan being to begin the publication of the Liberty Magazine under the sponsorship of this organization on January 1, 1964.

INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION--MEETING:

M. V. Campbell said that it would be necessary to call a meeting of the International Religious Liberty Association, in order to strike out of its Articles of Incorporation the statement that the Liberty Magazine is its official organ.

A meeting of the International Religious Liberty Association was called at 10:55 A.M., M. V. Campbell being Chairman.

R. R. Hegstad was requested to act as Secretary.

VOTED, To delete Article V of the Articles of Incorporation, which reads as follows:

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"The official organ of this corporation shall be 'Liberty--A Magazine of Religious Freedom,' published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Washington 12, D.C."

The meeting of the International Religious Liberty Association was adjourned.

W. Melvin Adams reported that the circulation of the Liberty Magazine had passed a third of a million mark.

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

We recommend, The following Fixed Rates of Exchange for 1964:

(Please see succeeding pages)

<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	1964 <u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>Local Currency</u>	1964 <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	4.00	.25
Germany	Deutschemark: East	20.00	.05
Saar	French Franc	4.90	.204
Saar	Deutschemark: West	4.00	.25
<u>Far East</u>			
British North Borneo	BNB \$	3.00	.3333
Brunei	Malayan \$	3.00	.3333
Cambodia	Riel	60.00	.0166666
Federation of Malaya	Malayan \$	3.00	.3333
Hong Kong	Hong Kong \$	5.65	.17699115
Indonesia	Rupiah	315.00	.0031746
Japan	Yen	358.422	.00279
Korea (South)	Won	125.00	.008
Laos	Kip	80.00	.0125
Macao	Pataca	5.65	.17699115
New Guinea	Guilder	3.5906	.2785
Okinawa	Dollar	1.00	1.00
Philippine Islands	Peso	3.75	.2666
Sarawak	Sarawak \$	3.00	.3333
Singapore	Malayan \$	3.00	.3333
Taiwan	Taiwan \$	38.00	.026315789
Thailand	Baht	21.00	.0476190476
Vietnam	Piaster	75.00	.0133333
<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	10.00	.10
Costa Rica	Colon	6.45161	.155
Cuba	Peso		
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

<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	1964 <u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>Local Currency</u>	1964 <u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>(U.S. \$)</u>
<u>Inter-America (concluded)</u>			
Guatemala	Quetzal	1.00	\$1.00
Haiti	Gourde	5.00	.20
Jamaica	Pound		2.80
Mexico	Peso	12.00	.08333
Nicaragua	Cordoba	6,89655	.145
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	4.347	.23
<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
Lebanon	Lebanese £	2.90	.344827
Libya	Pound		2.80
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	1.08108	.9250
<u>Northern Europe</u>			
Denmark	Krone	6.6666	.15
Ethiopia & Eritrea	Dollar	2.43902	.41
Finland	Markka	3.20	.3125
Ghana	Ghana £		2.80
Great Britian	English £		2.80
Iceland	Krona	43.00	.023255
Ivory Coast	Colonial Franc	245.00	.0040816
Liberia	Dollar	1.00	1.00
Netherlands	Guilder	3.5906	.2785
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	125.00	.008
Bolivia	Boliviano	12.00	.08333
Brazil	Cruzeiro	950.00	.001052631
Chile	Escudo	2.85	.35087
Ecuador	Sucre	18.00	.055555
Paraguay	Guarani	125.00	.008
Peru	Sol	26.40	.037878
Uruguay	Peso	14.00	.071428

<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	1964 <u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>Local Currency</u>	1964 <u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>(U.S. \$)</u>
<u>Southern Africa</u>			
Congo	Congolese Franc	200.00	\$.005
E. Africa, Kenya			
Tanganyika & Uganda	E.African Shilling	7.14285	.14
N. & S. Rhodesia	Rhodesian £		2.80
Nyasaland	Rhodesian £		2.80
So. African Union	South African Rand		1.40
Rwanda-Burundi	Rwanda-Burundi Franc	70.00	.0142857
<u>Southern Asia</u>			
Burma	Kyat	4.7619	.21
Ceylon	Rupee	4.7619	.21
India	Rupee	4.7619	.21
Nepal	Rupee	4.7619	.21
Pakistan	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
Cameroon	Colonial Franc	245.00	.0040816
Czechoslovakia	Koruna	50.00	.02
Equatorial Africa	Colonial Franc	245.00	.0040816
France	French Franc	4.90	.204
Greece	Drachma	30.00	.0333
Hungary	Forint	11.627	.086
Israel	Israeli £	3.00	.3333
Italy	Lira	625.00	.0016
Madagascar	Colonial Franc	245.00	.0040816
Mauritius	Rupee	4.7619	.21
Mozambique	Escudo	27.7777	.036
North Africa	French Franc	4.90	.204
Portugal	Escudo	27.7777	.036
Reunion	Colonial Franc	245.00	.0040816
Rumania	Leu	142.8571	.007
Senegal	Colonial Franc	245.00	.0040816
Spain	Peseta	60.00	.0166666
Switzerland	Swiss Franc	4.2553	.235
Yugoslavia	Dinar	750.00	.001333333

We recommend, That financial allotments for 1964 be made as follows:

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

<u>Union</u>	<u>1962 Net Tithe</u>	<u>Allotment</u>
Atlantic	3 709 765 08	1 018 79
Canadian	1 670 852 78	458 85
Central	2 983 841 25	819 44
Columbia	6 173 556 60	1 695 43
Lake	5 448 591 78	1 496 31
North Pacific	5 713 083 80	1 568 96
Northern	1 577 040 11	433 09
Pacific	14 419 763 38	3 960 02
Southern	5 122 007 67	1 406 63
Southwestern	<u>2 339 483 76</u>	<u>642 48</u>
Totals	<u>49 157 986 21</u>	<u>13 500 00</u>

CAMP PASTORS' AND SERVICEMEN'S CENTERS

<u>Union</u>	<u>1962 Net Tithe</u>	<u>Allotment</u>
Atlantic	3 709 765 08	2 402 21
Central	2 983 841 25	1 932 15
Columbia	6 173 556 60	3 997 60
Lake	5 448 591 78	3 528 16
North Pacific	5 713 083 80	3 699 43
Northern	1 577 040 11	1 021 19
Pacific	14 419 763 38	9 337 32
Southern	5 122 007 67	3 316 69
Southwestern	<u>2 339 483 76</u>	<u>1 514 90</u>
Totals	47 487 133 43	30 749 65
General Conference		<u>30 749 65</u>
Total Budget		<u><u>61 499 30</u></u>

LOMA LINDA BUILDING FUND

<u>Union</u>	<u>1962 Net Tithe</u>	<u>Allotment</u>
Atlantic	3 709 765 08	7 475 44
Canadian	1 670 852 78	3 366 86
Central	2 983 841 25	6 012 65
Columbia	6 173 556 60	12 440 19
Lake	5 448 591 78	10 979 29
North Pacific	5 713 083 80	11 512 27
Northern	1 577 040 11	3 177 86
Pacific	Not based on tithe	60 000 00
Southern	5 122 007 67	10 321 22
Southwestern	2 339 483 76	4 714 22
Totals	34 738 222 83	130 000 00

<u>Sanitariums</u>	<u>Gross Patient Income</u>	<u>Allotment</u>
Boulder	711 796 89	240 93
Florida	2 933 225 51	992 84
Forsythe	207 742 14	70 32
Glendale	5 274 423 88	1 785 28
Highland	214 253 70	72 52
Hinsdale	3 219 921 33	1 089 88
New England	2 125 678 65	719 50
Paradise Valley	1 743 066 96	589 99
Porter	3 032 252 86	1 026 35
Portland	2 755 931 77	932 82
Rest Haven	299 021 96	101 21
Riverside	363 488 72	123 03
St. Helena	1 255 993 88	425 13
Takoma - Greenville, Tenn.	299 582 21	101 40
Walker Memorial	316 309 63	107 06
Walla Walla	645 576 92	218 51
Washington, D. C.	4 145 692 30	1 403 23
Totals	29 543 959 31	10 000 00

General Conference	90 000 00
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Total Allotments for 1964	230 000 00
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RADIO AND TELEVISION

<u>Union</u>	<u>Net Tithes 1956</u>	<u>.36%</u>	<u>Radio</u>	<u>TV</u>
Atlantic	2 455 186 04	8 838 67	1 264 49	7 574 18
Canadian	1 078 616 10	3 883 02	555 51	3 327 51
Central	2 030 855 98	7 311 08	1 045 95	6 265 13
Columbia	4 497 081 80	16 189 49	2 316 12	13 873 37
Lake	4 080 471 51	14 689 70	2 101 56	12 588 14
Northern	1 112 041 59	4 003 35	572 73	3 430 62
North Pacific	3 936 658 64	14 171 97	2 027 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	1 619 498 82	5 830 20	834 09	4 996 11
Totals	<u>33 136 833 03</u>	<u>119 292 60</u>	<u>17 066 40</u>	<u>102 226 20</u>

OAKWOOD COLLEGE SUBSIDY

	<u>1962 Tithe</u>	<u>2% Allotment</u>
Atlantic Union Northeastern	845 881 15	16 917 62
Central Union Central States	182 344 37	3 646 89
Columbia Union Allegheny	837 985 62	16 759 71
Lake Union Lake Region	467 600 94	9 352 02
Northern Union Minneapolis Church	12 195 81	243 92
North Pacific Union Portland, Oregon Church Seattle, Washington Church	9 330 05 22 674 52	186 60 453 49
Pacific Union Arizona Central California Nevada-Utah Northern California Southeastern California Southern California	19 145 99 69 680 24 2 516 57 125 262 25 94 227 89 385 153 77	382 92 1 393 60 50 33 2 505 25 1 884 56 7 703 08
Southern Union South Atlantic South Central (4%)	456 272 18 262 241 87	9 125 44 10 489 67
Southwestern Union Southwest Region	180 107 95	3 602 16
Totals	<u>3 972 621 17</u>	<u>84 697 26</u>

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE--FURTHER REPORT:

VOTED, 1. To appoint the following members to fill the vacancies on the Board of Regents:

F. E. J. Harder, term expiring 1965
Mazie A. Herin, term expiring 1966
E. A. Robertson, term expiring 1966
W. T. Will, term expiring 1966;

2. To appoint the following members to fill the vacancies on the Commission on Graduate Education: T. A. Little, W. A. Howe, Richard Hammill.

SPRING MEETING--DATE:

VOTED, That the Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee be held April 14-16, 1964, in Takoma Park, D.C.

AUTUMN COUNCIL--DATE AND PLACE:

VOTED, That the next Autumn Council be held October 20-26, 1964, in Takoma Park, D. C.

An intermission of ten minutes was given at 11:00 A.M.

The Temperance Department presented a motion picture titled "Becky," which is a traffic safety film. The National Safety Council has endorsed this film, and it is planned to use it during National Safety Week.

DEVOTIONAL MAGAZINE--APPROVAL OF PUBLICATION :

VOTED, That the proposal of the Southern Publishing Association to publish a devotional magazine entitled Still Waters be given approval on the following conditions:

1. Sales promotion will be by mail direct to hospitals, doctors' offices, nursing homes, chaplains' offices, and similar organizations where a need exists for this type of devotional literature.
2. Still Waters will not become another missionary journal or subscription magazine with general campaigns in our churches.
3. Still Waters will be made available to Book and Bible Houses for counter sales and general sales the same as other literature.

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

SUSTENTATION PERCENTAGES--MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLISHING HOUSES:

In harmony with the regulations of the sustentation policy, which provides that medical institutions and publishing houses "shall pay annually into the General Conference Sustentation Fund sufficient to cover disbursements from the fund for sustentees for these organizations,"

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We recommend, That for 1964 the percentage of payments on the salary payroll for medical institutions be 5.76% and for the publishing houses, 11.31%.

MEDICAL AND ORTHOPEDIC APPLIANCES ALLOWANCE:

In harmony with the recommendation of the Spring Meeting held April 11, 1963,

VOTED, That the Medical Expense Assistance Policy for North America, WORKING POLICY, page 283, be amended to read as follows:

"Medical Expense Assistance--North America, 1. Workers, including missionaries on furlough or permanently returned to North America, having medical and/or dental and/or optical and/or hearing aid and/or obstetrical expense in excess of \$15.00 may be allowed one half of the amount remaining above \$15.00 on expense which does not exceed \$200.00. When the total expense exceeds \$200.00, three fourths of such expense may be allowed; such allowance to be made when the reported expense has been contracted within a twelve-month period, and to be made only on receipted medical bills for which the worker has actually made payment. When the illness of the worker or the one individual concerned in the family continues beyond the twelve-month period, in such case assistance on the expense may be continued for a reasonable length of time in accordance with the above provisions without a further initial deduction or change in rate. Assistance as provided for above may also apply on the expense of medical and orthopedic appliances, when prescribed by a qualified physician."

WORKING CAPITAL FOR PUBLISHING HOUSES:

We recommend, The favorable consideration of a Working Capital Policy for publishing houses and that this matter be studied by the General Conference Officers and Publishing House representatives.

The Plans Committee presented further recommendations which were adopted as follows:

ROYALTY POLICY:

Because of the expansion of our publishing work around the world and the establishment of strong, self-supporting publishing houses and mission plants in many countries, making precise arrangements between publishers and authors more essential,

We recommend, The adoption of the following policy: 1. No book or pamphlet shall be printed by any publishing house, whether self-supporting or not, without a signed contract with the author or written permission from him.

2. No book or pamphlet shall be printed or translated by any publishing house, whether self-supporting or not, without written permission from the original publisher and the author.

3. A translation of any book or pamphlet from the language of the original publication, whether English or some other language, in the absence of a contract,

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shall carry the same royalty rate as the original publication, it being understood that the cost of translation shall be a first charge against the author's royalty account on that book.

4. When a translation of a book or pamphlet is printed by a publishing house for circulation outside its own territory, royalty arrangements shall be made prior to publication between the organization sponsoring the translation and the author.

5. Where a translation of a book or pamphlet is made for use by a non-self-supporting mission, subsidized denominational publishing houses or printing plants, the author be requested to relinquish his royalty.

VOTED, That the following deletions be made: 1. Paragraph 2, page 30, Publishing Department Policies, which reads as follows:

"That in view of the heavy expenses incurred in securing translation and publishing books in foreign languages; the increased sale of the English edition, on account of having books in other languages; and further, from the fact that the retail prices on these books that are used in foreign or mission fields should be placed as low as possible, we request authors to relinquish their royalty on foreign editions, the foregoing to apply when the publishing house has borne the expense of translating, illustrating, and platemaking."

2. The paragraph entitled "Royalty on Foreign Books," p. 30 of Publishing Department Policies which reads as follows:

"Voted, that in case royalty contracts are made, they apply only to the original language in which the book is published, there being no royalty on translations, except as may be otherwise provided for by private contracts or actions of the General Conference Committee."

VISUAL EDUCATION TAPE AND FILM STRIP:

WHEREAS, Visual education is one of the most effective means of teacher training, and

WHEREAS, There is a demand for better teaching in our Sabbath Schools in every division,

VOTED, 1. That the General Conference Sabbath School Department be requested to prepare a tape and film strip that may be used in adult teacher-training classes.

2. That we request the 1964 Autumn Council Budget Committee to give consideration to setting aside in the 1965 budget a sum of \$2,000 for this project.

FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL:

WHEREAS, Destructive fires are occurring with increasing frequency resulting in loss of both property and human life, and

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WHEREAS, Such losses can greatly retard the progress of our work, and

WHEREAS, Observation indicates widespread apathy with respect to establishing precautions, correcting hazards, and practicing good housekeeping patterns, and

WHEREAS, Seventh-day Adventist institutions are increasingly involved in this contribution to national disaster,

We recommend, A four-point program for fire prevention and control as follows:

1. Prevention - That concentrated effort be made to devise and implement plans to remove hazards, thus reducing the likelihood of fires.
2. Escape - That every possible arrangement be made to provide for early detection of fires, prompt sounding of alarms, and escapes to reduce loss of life, with fire drills in harmony with local fire regulations and accepted practice to be conducted in all schools.
3. Control - That needed control features and devices be installed in all buildings to reduce escape time and retard the spread of fire.
4. Organization - That in each institution a fire officer be appointed to work under the direction of the Administrator, to supervise all fire control efforts, and correct potentially hazardous conditions, and to keep permanent records and make periodic reports to the administration that will cover hazardous conditions, fires, extent of damage in case of fire loss, loss of life, and point out corrections necessary to prevent tragedy, and that this fire officer also be adequately trained and informed, and made responsible for training other personnel in the institution in fire prevention, precautions, and escape procedures.

A number of committees were called to meet in the afternoon.

F. D. Nichol, Editor of the Review and Herald, announced that the last number of the Review and Herald would be supplied to those of the delegates who are non-resident. Those who are resident will have received their copy earlier.

The closing prayer was offered by R. R. Bietz.

Adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

M. V. Campbell, Chairman
A. F. Tarr, Secretary
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"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less," No. 581 in the Church Hymnal, was sung.

W. B. Ochs, an elective member of the General Conference Committee, retired, led in prayer.

Mrs. Barbara Nelson, on furlough from Japan, sang a solo. The first stanza was as follows:

"When Jesus died on Calvary,
When Jesus died it was for me;
I oftentimes wonder, shall I know
How much I owe; how much I owe."

E. L. Minchin, a General Field Secretary, in his devotional talk spoke on the subject "The Ministry of Reconciliation." He read 2 Corinthians 5: 17-20. He said, "I am sure we stand in awe as we contemplate the glory of our calling. The first statement in our Scripture this morning is that 'all things are of God.' Paul has been speaking about the new life. 'Who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ.' Brethren, we have no right to seek to offer the ministry of reconciliation until we know that we ourselves have been fully and utterly reconciled to God through the death of our Lord Jesus Christ. I want a new sense of the glory and the wonder of my calling in Christ. It says here that He has 'given to us the ministry of reconciliation.' But you will notice before he commits to us the ministry of reconciliation it states that He has reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ. I need to know every morning that I am fully, completely reconciled to God through the death of my wonderful Saviour. Then I am ready to go out to offer this ministry of reconciliation to others.

"Sin is lawlessness. It is rebellion against God. Never was there a more desperate need for this glorious ministry of reconciliation. This is our calling; this is our primary task as individuals and as a church. We are in danger of becoming so engrossed with the mechanics of God's work that we forget this. To lay hold of a poor sinner and love him to Jesus Christ until he becomes a new creature in Him, is the greatest thing on this earth. In our preaching, let us give rightful place to the great centralities of the Christian faith and of God's Word, and not become obsessed with marginal issues.

"I am sure we recognize, too, that is the very purpose for the establishment of our own schools and our academies. Our Saviour came to this earth with the hoarded love of eternity. In every human being, Christ saw infinite possibilities. Looking upon them with hope, He inspired hope. In His presence the despised and fallen still felt there was hope for them."

Elder Minchin referred to the book entitled Power in Preaching, by the Methodist minister W. E. Sangster. In this book there is a chapter entitled "The Plus of the Spirit." "Is not that what we need," he said--"The Plus of the

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Spirit'? It is this atmosphere of grace around a man that has drawing power. We are told that the Holy Spirit envelopes this earth with an atmosphere of grace that is as real as the air we breathe." Elder Minchin spoke of three secret allies God has always working in the hearts of those to whom we preach and minister: 1. Man's sense of his need of God; 2. His sense of guilt because of sin; 3. Man's need of comfort. He recited incidents of needy and rebellious young people to whom he offered this ministry of reconciliation, and who found peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

W. E. Murray, General Vice-President, offered the closing prayer, including the request that we might be reconciled to God and to others; also for a new sense of our ministry of reconcilers to God.

Following a brief intermission, the sixth business meeting of the Autumn Council was called, at 10:00 A.M.

W. E. Murray was Chairman.

THE FUTURE OF THE WHITE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

M. V. Campbell said that a year ago when the Loma Linda University Board voted to unite the School of Medicine on the Loma Linda Campus, it was expected that the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles would continue to be a strong center for residency training. At that time it was supposed that a large number of the physicians connected with the White Memorial Hospital would desire to remain in Los Angeles rather than move to Loma Linda.

During the past year it has become evident, however, that the great majority of the full-time medical faculty at Los Angeles desire to move to Loma Linda with the School of Medicine. This, of course, will take from the White Memorial Hospital many of the men who are at present responsible for its strength. The past year has also demonstrated that affiliations with hospitals in the Loma Linda area have advanced much faster than expected so that at the present time twelve medical students are taking their senior year at the Riverside Hospital. It is understood that twice this number could have been located there.

Naturally, the uncertainty as to the make-up of the medical staff at the White Memorial Hospital a few years from now and as to the relationship of the White Memorial Hospital to the medical program in general, have led to considerable uneasiness among those who are planning to remain in Los Angeles. The White Memorial Hospital is in need, too, of a considerable amount of money for capital improvements--it is estimated that at least \$3,000,000 is needed.

When the board gave study to these matters and members of the board and administration counseled with leading members of the medical staff, it was felt that the future of the White Memorial Hospital would be more secure if it were severed from Loma Linda University. At a meeting of the University Board last month in Dayton, Ohio, it was voted to ask the Southern California Conference to give consideration to operating the White Memorial Hospital and that a committee

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representing the General Conference, the Pacific Union Conference, the University, and the Southern California Conference meet October 10, in Los Angeles, to study the matter and make recommendations regarding the transfer if it seemed practicable.

This committee has met and is recommending that the White Memorial Hospital be deeded to the Southern California Conference, and that they commence operating it January 1, 1964. The capital investments of the University in the White Memorial Hospital are protected in a decreasing ratio for the next fifty years, if time should last.

The recommendation also asks for contracts to be signed between the University and the White Memorial Hospital providing for certain schools of the University to continue to use the facilities at the White on an affiliation basis. The residency program which has meant so much to the denomination in past years is also protected in the proposed agreement.

This evening the University Board will meet to consider and take final action on the recommendation of the committee regarding the White Memorial Hospital.

OREGON CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS--LETTER FROM C. L. TORREY:

W. D. Donnelly, an Attorney from Washington, D.C., was present. On suggestion of R. R. Figuhr, W. D. Donnelly read the following letter signed by Chester L. Torrey, as President of the Oregon Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists:

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W.
Washington 12, D.C.

Gentlemen:

The Board of Directors of the Oregon Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists finds that the management of its real and personal property holdings increasingly requires full-time oversight and attention for which the membership of this Corporation's Board has neither the necessary time nor experience. The Board of Directors of the Oregon Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists has, therefore, determined and by appropriate resolution voted, promptly to discharge itself of this responsibility by distributing all of such assets to the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

This is a request, pursuant to said resolution, for instructions from the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists as to the names of the trustees, corporations or other persons to whom it is desired that the said properties be transferred. Your attention is directed to the fact that the General Conference, being unincorporated, does not itself undertake to hold title to real estate. Your attention is further invited to the necessity that any transfer or conveyance must recognize that all of the properties in question are irrevocably dedicated to the religious and charitable work of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination and that it is essential that such properties or their proceeds be retained for such purpose and that any transfers or conveyances exclude the possibility of any profit or other benefit inuring to any private person, officer, stockholder or director.

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The Oregon Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will execute all deeds and other instruments necessary to complete divestiture and conveyance to the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists or its nominees promptly upon receipt of instructions as to the names of the nominee grantees or transferees selected by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Very truly yours,

VOTED, That the Chairman be authorized and directed to request the Oregon Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists:

(1) To transfer and convey all timber lands and timber rights to Harris Pine Mills.

(2) To transfer and convey all machinery and equipment at the Pendleton plant of Harris Pine Mills to Harris Pine Mills.

(3) To transfer and convey the land and buildings at Pendleton, all presently under lease to Harris Pine Mills, to THE HARRIS FOUNDATION. It was further--

VOTED, That the Secretary be directed and authorized:

(1) To inform the directors of Harris Pine Mills that the timber lands and timber rights, as well as all machinery and equipment of the Pendleton plant, presently owned by the Oregon Corporation, are being caused to be transferred and conveyed to Harris Pine Mills by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, its sole stockholder, as donated property.

(2) To inform the directors of THE HARRIS FOUNDATION that the lease of the property at Pendleton transferred to it includes machinery and equipment that has now been transferred to Harris Pine Mills and that this will necessitate the negotiation of a new rent giving effect to the right of Harris Pine Mills to terminate so much of the agreed rent as is apportionable to the machinery so transferred to it.

Further recommendations from the Plans Committee were presented and adopted as follows:

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS:

WHEREAS, Securing more Bible correspondence school applications means more enrollments, more Bible school graduates, and more baptisms, and

WHEREAS, "The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly," Zeph. 1:14; and "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 must double our diligence." --Testimonies, vol. 5, pp. 460, 461.

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We recommend, 1. That in 1964 a concerted effort be made in every field and church in the North American Division to secure one and a half million applications in the Bible correspondence courses conducted by the Voice of Prophecy, Faith for Today, and by the unions and conferences, and that goals for applications be set for conferences and churches on the basis of five per member.

2. That contacts made during the spring visitation crusade in March be utilized not only to distribute missionary literature but to present the opportunity to enroll in a Bible correspondence school.

3. That division-wide Bible correspondence enrollment Sabbath in April, 1964, be observed in every church with special plans to inspire each member to participate in this effective evangelistic method and to set his individual objective.

4. That October be made a yearly enrollment month in each church in coordination with the autumn home-visitation program.

5. That plans be formulated for complete coverage of all dark counties whether by mail or personal visits.

6. That Ingathering contacts be utilized to invite the donors to enroll in the Bible course.

7. That special efforts be made to obtain applications among all classes including the many foreign language groups in North America.

8. That we implement this action by:

a. Holding before pastors at workers' meetings the soul-winning potential of Bible school applications.

b. Inviting the Publishing Department to promote as a goal for each literature evangelist the enrollment of ten persons each week.

c. Demonstrating at church rallies and district institutes the best methods of securing applications and furnishing sample canvasses to our members.

d. Urging members to carry application cards with them wherever they go, using them in their daily work and social contacts.

e. Keeping a supply at home for distribution to visitors and friends.

f. Placing application cards in tract racks.

g. Using the telephone to secure applications for the Bible course.

MV TARGET 30,000:

WHEREAS, Missionary Volunteer soul winning brings renewed spiritual life to the youth within the church and produces thousands of candidates for baptism,

VOTED, 1. That we adopt a world MV Goal of 30,000 baptisms for 1964.

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2. That we adopt a goal of 3,000 baptisms for the North American Division.
3. That conference administrators and church pastors in the North American Division in cooperation with the Missionary Volunteer Department, be urged to adopt and prayerfully follow the new youth evangelistic plan.
4. That we urge every MV Society to participate in one or more of the four following projects within the year 1964:
 - a. An MV Voice of Youth evangelistic series.
 - b. An Operation Fireside Bible study series.
 - c. A Friendship Teams plan in connection with an evangelistic meeting conducted by a pastor, evangelist or the conference MV Secretary.
 - d. A branch Sabbath school conducted by the MV Society over a period of at least six months.

INGATHERING OBJECTIVES:

WHEREAS, Ingathering "offers a field of effort to everyone whose heart Christ has touched," and provides real missionary opportunities to labor for the enlargement of God's kingdom at home and abroad, and is an important factor in the work "of giving the gospel to the world in this generation," (Education p. 262)

We recommend, 1. That each conference and church give increased emphasis to the soul-winning opportunities of Ingathering and the importance of every-home contact.

2. That attention be directed to the baptisms that have resulted from Ingathering visits and that the new tape recording, "Ingathering Trophies," ~~containing soul-winning experiences, be widely used in our churches.~~

3. That emphasis be given to building up and preserving lists of business donors to assure larger contributions, and to help keep these influential community leaders informed of our worldwide humanitarian work by friendly contacts throughout the year.

4. That in this Golden Anniversary year of the Home Missionary Department the individual double Silver Vanguard objective be presented to our membership, and

5. That each division, union and conference and church endeavor to make this coming campaign the best in Ingathering history in missionary contacts, funds raised and in souls won.

MISSIONARY BOOK OF THE YEAR:

We recommend, That the book, The Ministry of Healing, under the new title, Your Home and Health, by Ellen G. White, be the missionary book of the year for 1965, as recommended by the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

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The committee appointed to give consideration to meetings requested to be held in 1964-1965 presented the following recommendation which was adopted:

ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS--1964-1965:

VOTED, That the following meetings be authorized as indicated:

Department of Education:

College Teacher Section Meeting: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Nursing--Atlantic Union College, August 19-26, 1964.

College Industries Meeting (College Business Managers, Superintendents and/or Managers, College Industries or Industrial Departments, with General Conference Department of Education representation)--Southern Missionary College, December 28-31, 1964.

Secondary Teachers' Workshop on Teaching of Science and Mathematics--Atlantic Union College, August 19-26, 1964--with the request that the union conferences in North America send not more than two representatives from each union; and that the Department of Education be requested to indicate to each union conference the representatives who might be desirable.

Quadrennial Educational Council--Boulder, Colorado, November 8-12, 1964.

Quadrennial Principals' Council (1965--dates and place to be arranged.)

College Teacher Section Meeting: Education, English, Modern Languages, Physical Education, Librarians--La Sierra College, August 18-25, 1965; Speech Section to meet in conjunction with Speech Association of America (December 28-31, 1965) at Philadelphia, Pa., December 26, 27, 1965.

Religious Liberty Department:

Religious Liberty Department Council for 1964. Date and place to be arranged.

Temperance Department:

Temperance Department Advisory Committee, 1965. Date and place to be arranged.

Home Missionary Department, Radio-TV Department, Sabbath School Department:

Ingatherings Editorial Committee--September 4-6)	
Home Missionary Dept. Advisory--September 7-9)	
Radio-TV Dept. Advisory--September 10-13)	1964, Glendale, Calif.
Sabbath School Dept. Advisory--September 14-16)	

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Insurance Department:

Insurance Seminars: Pacific Union, Spring of 1964
Lake Union, time and place to be decided.

Regional Department:

North American Regional Department Advisory Committee, in connection with Oakwood College Spring Board Meeting, 1964.

Missionary Volunteer Department:

College MV Officers Seminar (Eastern Area), Andrews University, April 22-25, 1964.

National Medical Cadet Corps Training Camp, Grand Ledge, Michigan, June 9-23, 1964.

Chaplains' Conference, San Diego, Calif., August 17-20, 1964.

Quadrennial Council of the MV Department, Boulder, Colo., November 2-6, 1964.

Missionary Volunteer Recreation Plans manuscript group, Andrews University, January 27-February 10, 1964.

Auditors' Council:

North American Division Auditors' Council, September 15-17, 1964, Calgary, Alberta.

Medical Department:

Conference Medical Secretaries, in conjunction with annual meeting of American Public Health Association, time and place not yet announced.

Medical Department Advisory Meeting (previously scheduled for August, 1963), to be listed for 1964, in connection with Conference Medical Secretaries (those who have been authorized to attend the American Public Health Association meeting), time and place to be arranged.

Workshops (for improvement of dietary service in our institutions): One in the East, perhaps at Kettering Memorial Hospital, time to be determined; one in the West, time and place to be determined, summer of 1964. (Attendance optional, to be determined by the unions)

S. D. A. Hospital Administrators, 1964 (in conjunction with Hospital Association Meeting).

Publishing Department:

North American Division Quadrennial Publishing Council and Advisory Committee, last week in September, 1964, Denver, Colorado.

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Christian Record:

National Meeting of field representatives Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc., Lincoln, Nebraska, June 14-18, 1964.

Foreign Language Workers' Meeting:

Midwest, summer of 1964.

The Plans Committee submitted further recommendations which were considered and adopted as follows:

THE SCHOLARSHIP POLICY FOR NORTH AMERICA (New material is underlined):

VOTED, That the Student Literature Evangelist Scholarship Policy for North America, pages 122 to 126, WORKING POLICY (1962 edition) be revised and renumbered as follows:

1. All our denominational universities, colleges, junior colleges, academies, schools of nursing, day academies, intermediate or elementary schools, and the Home Study Institute shall join our publishing houses, Book and Bible Houses or HHES, and local conferences in offering scholarships to apply on future school expenses of all students and prospective students who will earn such scholarships wholly by the sale of denominational subscription books or magazines; these scholarships to cover board, room, tuition, and other direct school expenses such as books and fees.

2. The amount of the scholarship shall be made up as follows:

a. Student earnings - His credit at the Book and Bible House or HHES from commissions earned. This amount shall be at least 50% of his commissions.

b. Bonus from the school - 12% of the cash forwarded to the school from the Book and Bible House or HHES from the student's commission.

c. Bonus from the publishing house, Book and Bible House, or HHES, and conference - 12% of the retail catalog price of literature delivered, divided as follows:

Publishing House	6%
Bible House or HHES	3%
Conference	3%

Sample Scholarship Payment-by-Mail Plan

a. Commission from student's delivery of \$3,000 worth of literature at the catalog price, at 30% commission (commission may vary) \$ 900.00

b. Bonus paid by school, 12% of the cash forwarded to the school from the Book and Bible House from the student's commission--12% of \$900 108.00

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c. Bonus from publishing house, Book and Bible House, and conference 12% of \$3,000	<u>\$ 360.00</u>
Book and Bible House bonus--3% of \$3,000	\$ 90.00
Local Conference bonus--3% of \$3,000	90.00
Publishing house bonus--6% of \$3,000	180.00
Total Scholarship	\$1,368.00

Sample Scholarship C.O.D. Plan

a. Commission from student's delivery of \$2,000 worth of literature at the catalog price, at 50% commission	\$1,000.00
b. Bonus paid by school, 12% of cash forwarded to the school from the Book and Bible House from the student's commission--12% of \$1,000	120.00
c. Bonus from publishing house, Book and Bible House, and conference--12% of \$2,000	<u>240.00</u>
Book and Bible House bonus--3% of \$2,000	\$ 60.00
Local conference bonus--3% of \$2,000	60.00
Publishing house bonus--6% of \$2,000	<u>120.00</u>
Total Scholarship	\$1,360.00

3. a. In order to qualify for the benefits offered in the scholarship plan, the student shall be required to sign a contract with the Book and Bible House to work a minimum of 300 hours for women and 350 for men.

b. It is understood that when a student is appointed by the conference to assist in field leadership during part of his summer vacation or is otherwise employed by the conference, the time thus spent shall apply on this time requirement. And further, when by recommendation of, and prearrangement with, one of our denominational schools the student devotes part of his vacation to summer school work, thus shortening the available period of possible service as a scholarship literature evangelist, the time devoted to summer school work shall apply on the time requirement of his contract. This time is to be figured on the average weekly hours worked by the student in the field.

4. The provision of the scholarship plan shall apply to a student attending an intermediate or elementary school, day academy, or taking Home Study Institute courses, in which case 100 hours shall be the minimum requirement.

5. The maximum inducement offered to an accepted student literature evangelist to canvass during vacation shall be his fare to the field, the amount of which may be advanced and charged to his account until he fulfills the time requirements of his contract. The student's account will then be credited with the amount of his fare, which shall be paid by the Book and Bible House or HHES office.

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6. When the time requirement of the contract has been fulfilled (even though the student does not earn a full scholarship) and provided the student has been granted a scholarship, his return fare to the school shall be paid by the conference.

7. Where conditions are such that it seems advisable for a student to work in a field other than his home conference, arrangements shall be made for such transfer by a committee consisting of the principal of the school, the local presidents concerned, and the union and local publishing department secretaries of such fields in which the courtesies mentioned in paragraphs 5 and 6 shall apply.

8. The fares of students shall be paid to the school serving the territory in which the student works. If the student elects to attend some other school, special arrangements with respect to fares to be paid shall be made before the student begins work.

9. Any person working under this plan shall be entitled to draw the money due him from the sale of literature at any time from the Book and Bible House or HHES office should he wish to do so; but in that event he shall receive only the regular literature evangelist's commission on his deliveries, it being understood that by drawing his money in this way he disqualifies himself for the bonus and places himself upon the same basis as other literature evangelists.

10. Under the scholarship plan a student may earn during any one year scholarship benefits to cover full expenses for a period of up to two years at the school of his choice.

11. The only transfer of scholarship permitted shall be to a member of the immediate family of the student who has earned the scholarship.

12. These scholarship benefits shall be granted to resident students, and also to those who may, by the permission of the faculty, arrange for their room or board and room outside the school. All scholarship money shall be sent to the school, as in the case of a dormitory student, but the school will pay to the student monthly or quarterly, according to the school plan of billing, an amount equal to the estimated cost of board and room in the dormitory. Married students occupying apartments owned by the school shall be allowed a bonus for rent expense on the basis of a single student occupying a dormitory room. It is understood that the school will pay its bonus only on the amount of money that remains with the school.

13. Any student who can devote some time to selling books or magazines during the school year and thereby earn a scholarship be permitted to do so, it being understood that this plan does not entitle him to any transportation benefits, and that all bills at the Book and Bible House shall have been settled promptly and in full each month.

14. In case a scholarship student leaves a school before the end of the period covered by his scholarship, a refund shall be made, and the Book and Bible House, the publishing house, the school, and the conference each shall be reimbursed for its portion of the bonus on the amount refunded. It is understood that these figures shall be computed by the treasury department of the educational institution.

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15. The benefits of the literature evangelist scholarship plan may be extended to those who, with the approval of the conference publishing committee, enroll in non-Seventh-day Adventist schools for courses they need but which are not offered in our own schools; it being understood that in all such cases the school would not participate; nor would the usual transportation allowance be included in such scholarship.

16. The eligibility of a student for the scholarship bonus shall be decided by the local conference publishing department committee within the provisions of the scholarship policy.

17. The Book and Bible House or HHES office serving the field where the student works shall be the custodian of the scholarship funds and shall send the money due any student direct to the school which he decides to attend. The custodian shall include with his check a statement indicating the bonuses to be paid by the contributing organizations. The Bible House or HHES office shall give satisfactory evidence to the school management, the publishing house, and the conference that the scholarship has been earned in harmony with the regulations governing the scholarship plan.

When a student has earned a scholarship, he shall remit all money to the Book and Bible House or HHES and not send the money or take it with him to the school.

18. At the close of the vacation period the student literature evangelist shall take the initiative in reporting personally to the Book and Bible House or HHES office to effect settlement on his inventory, transportation allowance, bonus, and commission account. At this time, if it is impossible for reasons of clerical procedures for the Book and Bible House or HHES office to make immediate settlement of the student literature evangelist's account, the Book and Bible House manager shall furnish to the school a letter stating approximately the amount of the student's commission credit (held for the student's account) and the probable amount of the total scholarship bonus (based thereon) and also the approximate date on which the scholarship funds will be paid to the school. Copies of this letter should also go to the student literature evangelist, and to the local and union conference publishing department secretaries (for their information).

19. The custodian, when making claims for a scholarship, shall submit to the publishing house, or branch office in the territory in which the student works, and to the publishers of any magazines used, a complete statement of all book and magazine deliveries, it being understood that the publisher of the magazine shall bear its portion of the bonus allowed.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY EMPHASIS WEEK:

WHEREAS, The Spirit of Prophecy Emphasis Week has brought great inspiration to our schools where it has been conducted,

We recommend, 1. That a plan for an annual Spirit of Prophecy Emphasis Week be adopted in our colleges, academies, and elementary schools.

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2. That the Spirit of Prophecy Emphasis Week take various forms suitable to the level of education where it is being conducted.

3. That study be given to the use of available materials provided by the E. G. White Publications Office, and to the selection of appropriate personnel for conducting such a week.

STATEMENTS ON GRADUATE EDUCATION:

Statements on graduate education, as presented through the Plans Committee, were given careful consideration.

VOTED, To refer the statements on graduate education, and the suggestion that a statement of philosophy be written to accompany them, to the General Conference Officers and the Commission on Graduate Education in the United States, for further consideration and development, to be presented to the 1964 Autumn Council.

Adjourned at 12:30 P.M. until 1:30 P.M.

W. E. Murray, Chairman
D. S. Johnson, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Seventy-Sixth Meeting
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 20, 1963, 1:30 P.M.

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The seventh and closing business meeting of the Autumn Council was called, with R. R. Figuhr as Chairman.

Gordon E. Bullock, on furlough from Indonesia, offered the opening prayer.

Further recommendations from the Plans Committee were presented and adopted as follows:

SUSTENTATION PERCENTAGE--SENIOR CITIZENS' HOMES (OLD PEOPLE'S HOMES):

In view of the fact that the operation of denominational Senior Citizens' Homes is a comparatively new activity,

We recommend, That denominationally owned and operated Senior Citizens' Homes pay to the Sustentation Fund 3 per cent on the total payroll to qualify their workers for sustentation benefits, with the provision that this rate shall be reviewed periodically.

SUSTENTATION POLICY REVISIONS:

VOTED, That paragraph 24, page 292, WORKING POLICY (1962 edition), be revised to read:

"24. Senior Citizens' Homes (Old People's Homes) shall pay to the Sustentation Fund 3 per cent on the total payroll to qualify their workers for sustentation benefits."

VOTED, That paragraph 64, page 299, WORKING POLICY (1962 edition), be revised to read:

"64. Employees of Madison College and Madison Sanitarium and Hospital shall be considered regular denominational employees beginning July 1, 1963. Prior to this date the continuity of a worker's service shall not be considered broken, when by consent or recommendation of the organization employing him, or by regular call or transfer handled through denominational channels, he discontinued denominational employ and accepted employment at the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute, at Madison, Tennessee; but, except as provided in paragraph 63 above, the time spent in the employ of this self-supporting institution shall not be counted as service on which sustentation eligibility or rates shall be based should he later find it necessary to apply for sustentation benefits. It is understood that this provision does not apply to any other self-supporting institution or unit, even though it be related to Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute."

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DEVELOPING AND FINANCING INSTITUTIONS:

VOTED, That the General Conference Officers set up a representative committee to give careful study to long-range programs for developing and financing our educational institutions of higher learning.

VOTED, That the General Conference Officers set up a representative committee to give careful study to long-range programs for developing and financing our medical institutions.

REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSE FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES:

VOTED, That the proposal of the General Conference Educational Department for reimbursing prospective faculty members who have earned the doctoral degree at their own expense be referred to the 1964 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee with the suggestion that the proposal be expanded to include provision for such individuals who have secured the doctoral degree by having a portion of the expense paid by the denomination.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING ASSISTANCE FOR COLLEGE TEACHERS:

VOTED, That paragraph 3 of the "In-Service Training Assistance Policy," page 94, WORKING POLICY (1962), be revised by deleting the following: "The entire sum thus expended shall be amortized at a rate of 20 per cent for each corresponding and equal period of subsequent service. For example," the revised paragraph to read as follows:

"3. A college teacher who is approved by his board for leave of absence for advanced study shall receive as a maximum allowance, for which in all cases a written agreement shall be entered into, an amount covering (a) full salary and allowances, (b) tuition or travel expense, whichever is greater. The teacher shall subsequently serve the institution five months for each month of leave of absence for graduate study. For a part-time leave of absence, a similar proportionate arrangement shall apply." (Balance of paragraph to remain unchanged.)

THE BUDGET FOR 1964:

The Budget for 1964 was distributed to the delegates.

C. L. Torrey, Treasurer, in introducing the Budget for 1964, said that we do not have the funds for the Class 1 appropriations now, but we are in faith going forward, hoping to secure the amount of \$22,030,374 during the coming year to balance the budget. The appropriations for 1964 total \$33,333,186.31. On request of C. L. Torrey, O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer, read the Budget. It was

VOTED, To adopt with gratitude the Budget for 1964 as presented.

(Please see the following pages.)

BUDGET FOR 1964

REGULAR

General Conference Estimated Income (Basis 1962)
for Base Appropriations

\$22 030 374 00

SPECIALS

From Operating Capital		2 000 000 00
From Reconstruction Base, Orient		690 000 00
From Exchange Gains		200 000 00
From Harris Pine Mills:		
Oregon Corporation	100 000 00	
Less: No. Pac. Union Share	<u>25 000 00</u>	75 000 00
From Security Income		1 000 000 00
From Special Institutional Relief		<u>275 000 00</u>

Total Provision for Special Appropriations

4 240 000 00

REVERTIBLE FUNDS (Basis 1962)

Estimated, All Divisions

6 742 812 31

CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS

320 000 00

Total Estimated Income and Available Funds

\$33 333 186 31

BASE APPROPRIATIONS

OVERSEAS:

Australasia		614 597 34
Central Europe		
Base	58 311 59	
Sustentation	<u>28 800 00</u>	87 111 59
Far East		
Base	1 938 620 95	
Additional for SCIUM	<u>10 000 00</u>	1 948 620 95
Inter-America		
Base	1 481 941 00	
Miami Transportation	4 000 00	
Montemorelos Counselor	<u>2 000 00</u>	1 487 941 00
Middle East		788 639 72
Northern Europe		
Base	1 345 383 56	
London New Gallery	<u>25 000 00</u>	1 370 383 56
South America		1 559 261 87
Southern Africa		2 015 095 15

Southern Asia		
Base	1 627 575 62	
Assam Mission	9 000 00	
Himalayan Mission	14 325 00	
Vellore Doctors (2)	<u>8 736 00</u>	1 659 636 62

Southern Europe		
Base	1 632 084 81	
Rome Transportation Agent	<u>1 000 00</u>	1 633 084 81
Reconstruction Base - Orient		643 231 58

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

\$14 272 604 19

NORTH AMERICA

Aid to Smaller Conferences		335 000 00	
Assistance - Large City Evangelism in No. Am.		80 000 00	
Faith for Today		110 000 00	
North American Missions		223 500 00	
Oakwood College		80 000 00	
Riverside Sanitarium		7 500 00	
Voice of Prophecy - Regular Operating		60 000 00	
Atlantic Union			
N Y Evangelistic Center Operating	25 000 00		
Greater N Y Conference	17 000 00		
Northeastern Conference	<u>3 000 00</u>	45 000 00	
Canadian Union			
Regular Operating	90 000 00		
Rest Haven Sanitarium Sustentation	<u>3 000 00</u>	93 000 00	
Southern Union			
Regional Conferences Operating	35 000 00		
Rural Schools	5 000 00		
Madison College	<u>25 000 00</u>	65 000 00	
Southwestern Union			
Regional Conference Operating		19 000 00	
Geo-Science Research Operating		<u>38 100 00</u>	
Total Base Appropriations for North American Division			<u>1 156 100 00</u>

GENERAL FOR NORTH AMERICAN AND OVERSEAS DIVISIONS:

Andrews University Operating		537 076 00	
Department Major Films		30 000 00	
Entertainment - Servicemen Overseas		1 500 00	
Loma Linda University:			
Regular Operating	1 526 300 00		
School of Tropical Medicine	30 000 00		
School of Graduate Studies	<u>125 600 00</u>	1 681 900 00	
Medical Residency Plan		10 000 00	
Medical, Dental, Nurse & Missionary Indebtedness		15 000 00	
Missionary Orientation Program		33 000 00	
Nussbaum, J. - Travel and Expense for General Conference		2 000 00	
Radio Broadcasts - Europe - Slavic Language		30 000 00	
Sabbath School Films		3 000 00	
Sustentation - Displaced Persons		32 000 00	
Temporary Provision for Medical Development at Loma Linda		350 000 00	
White Publications Basic Library		<u>15 000 00</u>	
Total		2 740 476 00	
Administrative and Departmental Expenses		1 995 813 31	
Miscellaneous and Fixed Appropriations		<u>1 865 380 50</u>	
Total Base Appropriations for North American and Overseas Divisions, General Items			<u>6 601 669 81</u>

BASE APPROPRIATIONS RECAPITULATION

Overseas Divisions		14 272 604 19	
North American Division		1 156 100 00	
North American and Overseas Divisions - General Items		2 740 476 00	
Administrative and Departmental Expenses		1 995 813 31	
Miscellaneous and Fixed Appropriations		<u>1 865 380 50</u>	
Grand Total Base Appropriations for 1964			<u>\$22 030 374 00</u>

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

OVERSEAS DIVISIONS

Australasia			
General			175 000 00
Central Europe			
General	150 000 00		
Nuremberg Church	<u>50 000 00</u>		200 000 00
Far East			
General	175 000 00		
Hong Kong Hospital, Stubbs Road	<u>75 000 00</u>		250 000 00
Inter-America			
General			175 000 00
Middle East			
General	75 000 00		
Medical Development	<u>50 000 00</u>		125 000 00
Northern Europe			
General	100 000 00		
Empress Zauditu Hospital	60 000 00		
Adventist College of West Africa	<u>60 000 00</u>		220 000 00
South America			
General			175 000 00
Southern Africa			
General			175 000 00
Southern Asia			
General			175 000 00
Southern Europe			
General			<u>175 000 00</u>
Total Special Appropriations for Overseas Divisions			<u><u>1 845 000 00</u></u>

NORTH AMERICA

Atlantic Union Conference			
Spanish church building projects, Greater New York	50 000 00		
Atlantic Union College	25 000 00		
Northeastern Conf. debt liquidation (church)	20 000 00		
Portland Church, White Memorial	5 000 00		
Northern New England Conference Office	5 000 00		
Times Square Center debt liquidation	6 000 00		
New York Center renovation	5 000 00		
Hudson Church project, Southern New England	5 000 00		
Atlantic Union Conference Office	6 500 00		
Bermuda church building projects	<u>2 500 00</u>		130 000 00

Canadian Union Conference		
Toronto Richmond Hill church	2 500 00	
Canadian Union College Building Program	40 000 00	
Kingsway College (OMC) " "	30 000 00	
Canadian Union College Church - Lacombe	10 000 00	
New Westminster Church - B. C.	12 500 00	
Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conf. Church Buildings	17 500 00	
Toronto Yugoslavian Church	2 500 00	115 000 00
Central Union Conference		
Union College - Dormitory Wing	40 000 00	
Porter Hospital - Addition	20 000 00	
Boulder Hospital - Expansion	10 000 00	
Wichita Church - Central States	7 500 00	
Colorado Springs Church - Colorado	7 500 00	
Joplin Church - Missouri	7 500 00	
Kearney Church - Nebraska	2 500 00	
North Side Lincoln Church - Nebraska	5 000 00	100 000 00
Columbia Union Conference		
Kettering Memorial Hospital	50 000 00	
Columbia Union College	20 000 00	
Washington Sanitarium and Hospital	10 000 00	
Allegheny Conference - Dayton, Ohio, Church	10 000 00	
Chesapeake Conf. - Frederick, Md., S'men Center	5 000 00	
E. Pa. Conference - Bethlehem, Pa., Church	5 000 00	
New Jersey Conference - Perth Amboy Spanish Church	10 000 00	
West Virginia Conf. - Morgantown, W. Va., Church	5 000 00	
Potomac Conference - Capital Memorial Church	5 000 00	120 000 00
Lake Union Conference		
South Bend, Indiana, new church	25 000 00	
Berrien Springs, Mich., new Village Church	25 000 00	
Andrews University, Men's Dormitory	50 000 00	100 000 00
Northern Union Conference		
Evangelism	20 000 00	
Jamestown Church and Evangelistic Center	20 000 00	
Minneapolis Church and Evangelistic Center	20 000 00	
Minnesota Conference Office	10 000 00	
Union College - Girls' Dormitory	10 000 00	80 000 00
North Pacific Union Conference		
Portland Sanitarium & Hospital Building Program	30 000 00	
Walla Walla General Hospital Building Program	10 000 00	
Walla Walla College Building Program	60 000 00	100 000 00
Pacific Union Conference		
La Sierra College	20 000 00	
Pacific Union College	20 000 00	
Paradise Valley Sanitarium & Hospital building	25 000 00	
Pacific Union College church building	25 000 00	
Castle Memorial Hospital, Hawaii	10 000 00	100 000 00
Southern Union Conference		
Southern Missionary College		100 000 00
Southwestern Union Conference		
Shreveport, La., Office Building	5 000 00	
" " , Church Building	5 000 00	
Albuquerque, N. Mex., Regional church building	5 000 00	
El Paso, Texas, Regional Church Building	5 000 00	
Austin, Texas, Regional Church Building	5 000 00	
Richardson, Texas, Church Building	5 000 00	
Albuquerque, N. Mex., Spanish Evangelistic Center	10 000 00	
Southwestern Union College	50 000 00	
Tulsa, Oklahoma, Church	5 000 00	
Waco, Texas, Church	5 000 00	100 000 00
Total North American Division Specials		<u>\$1 045 000 00</u>

NORTH AMERICAN AND OVERSEAS DIVISIONS - GENERAL ITEMS

Andrews University		
Buildings, etc.		489 500 00
Camp Pastor Home and Center - Frankfurt, Germany		95 000 00
Dr. Cornell - Rehabilitation		10 000 00
Education Department:		
Revised materials for sec. sch. Science & Mathematics	3 000 00	
Elem. Textbooks, Health, Science & Social Science	<u>30 000 00</u>	33 000 00
Evangelistic Films - Production		51 950 00
Faith for Today - Building and Equipment		10 700 00
Geo-Science Research Equipment		6 700 00
"History of the Sabbath" Book		8 000 00
Ingathering Tapes		650 00
Library Books - General Conference		1 000 00
Loma Linda University:		
Sch. of Medicine Bldg. Fund (G. C. Allotment)	90 000 00	
School of Medicine Building Fund	310 000 00	
Student Mission Program	<u>5 000 00</u>	405 000 00
Madison College Vocational Training		20 000 00
MV Department		
MCC Training Camp Equipment	1 000 00	
Book on Recreational Plans	<u>1 500 00</u>	2 500 00
Oakwood College - Buildings		91 000 00
Riverside Sanitarium - Equipment		27 500 00
Religious Liberty Magazine for Large Cities		10 000 00
South Building Addition - General Conference		50 000 00
Ukrainian Editor Expense		3 500 00
Vellore Medical College		
Building Program	21 000 00	
In the United States	<u>1 000 00</u>	22 000 00
World Fair - New York City		<u>12 000 00</u>
Total Special Appropriations for North American and Overseas Divisions, General Items		<u>\$1 350 000 00</u>

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS RECAPITULATION

Total for Overseas Divisions	1 845 000 00
Total for North American Division	1 045 000 00
Total for General Items	<u>1 350 000 00</u>
Total Special Appropriations	<u>\$4 240 000 00</u>

CHURCH EXTENSION

Australasia	16 000 00
Central Europe	16 000 00
Far East	16 000 00
Inter-America	16 000 00
Middle East	16 000 00
Northern Europe	16 000 00
South America	16 000 00
Southern Africa	16 000 00
Southern Asia	16 000 00
Southern Europe	16 000 00

Total for Overseas Divisions

\$160 000 00

North American Division:

Atlantic Union Conference

Utica, N.Y., church	2 500 00	
Jamestown, N.Y., church	2 500 00	
West Lebanon, N.H., church	2 000 00	
Brunswick, Maine, church	2 000 00	
Bridgeport, Conn., church	5 000 00	
Pawtucket, R. I., church	2 000 00	16 000 00

Canadian Union Conference

Regina, Sask., church		16 000 00
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Central Union Conference

Kirkwood, Mo., church	2 666 70	
Littleton, Colo., church	1 333 33	
Colorado Springs, Colo., church	1 333 33	
Pittsburg, Kansas, church	2 666 70	
Kirksville, Mo., church	2 666 60	
Valentine, Nebr., church	1 333 33	
Lincoln, Nebr., North Side church	1 333 34	
Laramie, Wyoming, church	2 666 67	16 000 00

Columbia Union Conference

Montclair, N.J., church	2 000 00	
Rising Sun, Md., church	2 000 00	
Bethlehem, Pa., church	1 000 00	
Danville, Pa., church	1 000 00	
Hamilton, Ohio, church	1 000 00	
Lima, Ohio, church	1 000 00	
Alexandria, Va., church	1 500 00	
Indiana, Pa., church	2 500 00	
Charleston, W. Va., church	2 500 00	
Perth Amboy, N.J., Spanish church	1 500 00	16 000 00

Lake Union Conference

Clear Lake, Wis., church	3 500 00	
Broadview, Ill., church	5 000 00	
Evansville, Ind., church	2 500 00	
Kalkaska, Mich., church	2 500 00	
Chicago, Ill., Spanish church	2 500 00	16 000 00

Northern Union Conference		
Council Bluffs, Iowa, church	4 000 00	
Bemidji, Minn., church	2 000 00	
Hutchinson, Minn., church	1 000 00	
Mapleplain, Minn., church	1 000 00	
Benedict, N. Dak., church	2 500 00	
Ellendale, N. Dak., church	1 500 00	
Madison, S. Dak., church	2 500 00	
Pierre, S. Dak., church	<u>1 500 00</u>	16 000 00
North Pacific Union Conference		
Idaho Falls, Idaho, church	12 000 00	
To be assigned	<u>4 000 00</u>	16 000 00
Pacific Union Conference		
Aiea, Hawaii, church	2 000 00	
Bakersfield, Calif., Spanish church	1 000 00	
Kerman, Calif., church	500 00	
Mountain View, Calif., Japanese church	1 000 00	
Flagstaff, Ariz., church	1 000 00	
Phoenix, Ariz., Mountain View church	1 000 00	
Sacramento, Calif., Japanese church	1 500 00	
Pittsburg, Calif., Regional church	1 000 00	
Chino, Calif., church	2 500 00	
San Fernando, Calif., church	500 00	
Wilmington, Calif., Spanish church	500 00	
Pasadena, Calif., Sunset Avenue church	1 000 00	
North Hills, Calif., church	500 00	
Salt Lake City, Utah, church	<u>2 000 00</u>	16 000 00
Southern Union Conference		
Palatka, Fla., church	4 000 00	
Macon, Ga., church	4 000 00	
Memphis, Tenn., church	4 000 00	
Columbus, Miss., Regional church	<u>4 000 00</u>	16 000 00
Southwestern Union Conference		
Mountain Home, Ark., church	1 000 00	
Benton, Ark., church	1 000 00	
Mammoth Springs, Ark., church	1 000 00	
Pryor, Okla., church	2 000 00	
Sapulpa, Okla., church	1 000 00	
Little Rock, Ark., Regional church	1 500 00	
Hot Springs, Ark., Regional church	500 00	
Okmulgee, Okla., Regional church	500 00	
Fort Worth, Tex., church	5 000 00	
Clayton, N. Mex., church	1 000 00	
Lovington, N. Mex., church	1 000 00	
San Angelo, Tex., church	<u>500 00</u>	<u>16 000 00</u>
Total for North American Division		<u>160 000 00</u>
Total Church Extension Funds		<u>\$320 000 00</u>

SUMMARY OF SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS
FOR NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

<u>Union</u>	<u>Specials</u>	<u>Church Extension</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Atlantic	130 000 00	16 000 00	146 000 00
Canadian	115 000 00	16 000 00	131 000 00
Central	100 000 00	16 000 00	116 000 00
Columbia	120 000 00	16 000 00	136 000 00
Lake	100 000 00	16 000 00	116 000 00
Northern	80 000 00	16 000 00	96 000 00
North Pacific	100 000 00	16 000 00	116 000 00
Pacific	100 000 00	16 000 00	116 000 00
Southern	100 000 00	16 000 00	116 000 00
Southwestern	100 000 00	16 000 00	116 000 00
Totals	<u>1 045 000 00</u>	<u>160 000 00</u>	<u>1 205 000 00</u>

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

Total Base Appropriations - All Divisions		22 030 374 00
Total Special Appropriations - All Divisions		4 240 000 00
Estimated Revertible Funds (Basis 1962)		
Overseas Divisions	2 366 297 97	
North American Division	<u>4 376 514 34</u>	<u>6 742 812 31</u>
Total		\$33 013 186 31
Church Extension Funds		<u>320 000 00</u>
Grand Total for 1964		33 333 186 31
Grand Total for 1963		<u>31 904 423 36</u>
Increase for 1964		<u>\$1 428 762 95</u>

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RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE:

A resolution of gratitude presented from the Plans Committee was read and adopted as follows:

GRATITUDE TO GOD AND COMMITMENT TO A FINISHED TASK

WHEREAS, We, the delegates to this 1963 Autumn Council, recognize that without God's leading, all our wisdom and planning and efforts can avail nothing; and

WHEREAS, There has been abundant evidence of that leading, and of the outpouring of Heaven's blessings upon the church in terms of souls won, membership loyalty, increasing financial support commensurate with the task, and increasing involvement on the part of laymen as well as of workers in the spread of the gospel; and,

WHEREAS, The events of our world are such as to cause deep reflection in the hearts of many, and make more urgent the preaching to all men the message entrusted to Seventh-day Adventists as a people; and,

WHEREAS, There is need at such a time as this for the total energies of the church to be focused on the task ahead, and for yet deeper devotion and consecrated commitment,

VOTED, 1. That we lift our hearts in sincere expression of thankfulness to God for the privilege of being entrusted with this message of reconciliation, for His constant presence with His people, for the unity of the church binding its members together with inseparable ties to God through Jesus Christ, for the power of the Holy Spirit, for the loyalty and sacrificial support of a world membership dedicated to the finishing of His work; and

2. That we express our implicit and deepening faith in the fundamental teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, based on the Word of the Living God, which have been ours from the beginnings of this movement; and,

3. That we turn every effort to the completion of the gospel commission, ever bearing in mind the proximity of that event toward which all Scripture points--the imminent and glorious return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and,

4. That we beseech God's rich bestowal of the Holy Spirit upon the church for power and witness.

Further, we do pledge anew our wholehearted commitment to the finishing of the task that still remains in giving to the world God's last messages, and call upon our people everywhere to join us in following God's leadership in quickly reaching all the peoples of the earth with the saving truths of the gospel in this last remnant of time.

W. B. Ochs offered a prayer of gratitude and dedication. He asked the blessing of God upon our dear people, that they might continue to be true and faithful, and to support the cause until the work is finished; also that we as leaders and ministers might ever keep our lives upon the altar.

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It was agreed to refer any unfinished business to the available members of the General Conference Committee.

Announcements were given of meetings to follow.

R. R. Figuhr expressed appreciation for the co-operation of all who have attended.

Adjourned at 2:30 P.M., sine die.

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

Seventy-Sixth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 24, 1963, 10:00 A.M.

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PRESENT:

R. R. Figuhr, D. S. Johnson, K. F. Ambs, Wesley Amundsen, F. L. Bland, W. P. Bradley, M. V. Campbell, Theodore Carcich, E. E. Cleveland, N. W. Dunn, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, G. A. Huse, J. C. Kozel, Theodore Lucas, D. A. McAdams, F. R. Millard, C. E. Moseley, Jr., W. E. Murray, J. R. Nelson, F. D. Nichol, W. L. Pascoe, F. L. Peterson, M. H. Reeder, H. E. Rice, A. H. Roth, H. D. Singleton, A. F. Tarr, E. R. Walde, R. S. Watts

OTHERS PRESENT:

H. T. Elliott, N. W. Litchfield, Harry House

R. R. Figuhr, Chairman, said that in the first part of some earlier volumes of the J. B. Phillips' translation of the Bible, there are some very moving and pointed prefaces. For instance, he referred to the chapter which precedes the translation into modern English of Paul's letters to the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, etc. Elder Figuhr then read the following excerpts from the preface:

"To the writers of these letters this present life was only an incident. ... They trained themselves therefore, and attempted to train others, not to be 'taken in' by this world, not to give their hearts to it, not to conform to its values, but to remember constantly that they were only temporary residents, and that their rights of citizenship were in the unseen world of Reality. Today when all the emphasis is thrown upon making the most of this life, and even Christianity is only seriously considered in many quarters because of its social implications, this point of view is comparatively rarely held. Yet as we read what they have to say we may perhaps find ourselves saying a little wistfully, 'perhaps these men were right'.

"It is heartening to remember that this faith took root and flourished amazingly in conditions that would have killed anything less vital in a matter of weeks. These early Christians were on fire with the conviction that they had become, through Christ, literally sons of God. ... Perhaps if we believed what they believed, we might achieve what they achieved."

This is a wonderful introduction to those letters of Paul in the New Testament. Those people did take life seriously, and they took their calling seriously. They recognized that a spiritual superforce invaded their lives.

Opening prayer by C. E. Moseley, Jr.

PUBLISHING REHABILITATION GRANTS:

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

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VOTED, To approve grants from the Publishing Rehabilitation Fund as follows:

(a) Far Eastern Division:		
Philippine Publishing House	\$3,950	
Viet Nam Signs Press	3,500	
Malayan Signs Press	3,900	
Indonesian Publishing House	5,159	
Korean Signs Publishing House	<u>6,000</u>	22,509.00
(b) Southern African Division:		
Sentinel Publishing Association	16,745	
East African Publishing House	<u>1,536</u>	18,281.00
(c) Northern European Division:		
Ethiopian Publishing House	1,230	
Norwegian Publishing House	<u>10,500</u>	<u>11,730.00</u>
		\$52,520.00

DR. STANLEY C. CONDON--FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, That the Loma Linda University be requested to release Dr. Stanley C. Condon, and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as an Internist, effective in August, 1964.

ERNIE G. MARKOSKY--BUGEMA MISSIONARY COLLEGE, UGANDA:

VOTED, That we pass on to Ernie G. Markosky, now a student at the University of Nebraska, in Lincoln, Nebraska, an invitation to connect with the Southern African Division as a commercial Teacher for Bugema Missionary College, in Uganda, East Africa.

FELIZA MOPERA--PHILIPPINES:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Feliza Mopera, of Los Angeles, California, an invitation from the Far Eastern Division for her to connect with the Philippine Union College School of Nursing, on the basis of a national returning to her homeland.

MILTON HWANG--SOUTH CHINA UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to Milton Hwang, of Andrews University, an invitation from the Far Eastern Division to teach on the staff of the South China Union College, at Kowloon, Hong Kong, on the basis of a national returning.

ROY L. HENRICKSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Roy L. Henrickson from Karachi, West Pakistan, on their request for family and educational reasons, in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

VALMAI LETTS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Valmai Letts from Singapore to Australia, in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

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SHAKE NALKRANIAN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Shake Nalkranian to the United States, from Ethiopia, on her request, because of illness in the family.

C. D. HENRI--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of C. D. Henri from West Africa, on his request because of the education of the children; in harmony with the recommendation of the Northern European Division.

DUANE F. HOUCK--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

VOTED, That Duane F. Houck, on furlough from Helderberg College, South Africa, be authorized to extend his furlough for six weeks to enable him to complete courses at Loma Linda University, in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern African Division.

L. K. TOBIASSEN--LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

VOTED, That L. K. TobiasSEN, a former worker in Norway, now a teacher of History at Andrews University, be authorized to take a three-months' leave of absence in 1964; the time to be arranged by the Andrews University Board.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To authorize appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Division Travel Committee, as follows:

- (a) W M Adams - Chicago - Conference on Green River Ordinance, Nov. 22
Pacific Union, speaking appointments, Jan. 1-18,
Jan. 23-Feb. 3
Texas appointment (already authorized) Jan. 19-22
Aurora, Ill., NCC Study Conference on Church and
State, Feb. 4-7
- (b) Wesley Amundsen - Madison, Tenn., Homecoming Convention of
units of Madison, Oct. 31-Nov. 3
- (c) T R Flaiz and H E Rice - Yonkers, New York, for counsel on
a medical problem, Oct. 28-29
T R Flaiz - Kansas City, Mo., speaking appointments and
counsel, Nov. 7-11
- (d) W J Harris - Berrien Springs, Lake Union Sabbath School
Secretaries' Meeting, Nov. 6, 7
- (e) T E Lucas - San Antonio, Texas, Servicemen's Center Board
Meeting, Oct. 28
Houston, speaking appointment, Oct. 30, 31
Miami, Southern Union MV Secretaries' Council, Nov. 1-6
Dallas, speaking appointment, Nov. 7-9
Athens, Texas, Southwestern Union MV Secretaries'
Council, Nov. 10-13

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- (f) C E Moseley - Winston-Salem, N.C., Church Open House, Nov. 29-Dec. 8
- (g) J R Nelson - San Antonio, Interview candidates for "Operation Whitecoat" October 28 (change of date only)
- (h) L M Nelson - Minneapolis, Twin City MV Officers Meeting, Maplewood Academy appointment and Minnesota Ministers' Council, Dec. 6-9
- (i) R J Radcliffe - Pacific Union, Asilomar, Treasurers' Council, Nov. 4-7
Mountain View, Pacific Press pre-audit work, Nov. 8-10
San Jose, IBM Course, Nov. 11-13
San Francisco, ESDA pre-audit work; Mountain view, Pacific Press pre-audit work, Nov. 14-23
- (j) H E Rice - Madison, Tenn., New hospital groundbreaking, Oct. 31 (change in date only) enroute to California
- (k) F A Soper - Minneapolis, Northern Union Temperance Secretaries' Council, Oct. 28, 29
- (l) G E Vandeman - Extension of Detroit stay through the month of November, 1963
Southern Missionary College, Jan. 10, 11
So. California Conf.-wide rally, Jan. 17, 18
Reno, Nevada - January 19, 20
Edmonton, Alberta, Jan. 23-29
Regina and Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Jan. 31-Feb. 2

Adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

R. R. Figuhr, Chairman
D. S. Johnson, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Seventy-Seventh Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 31, 1963, 10:00 A.M.

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PRESENT:

F. L. Peterson, D. S. Johnson, K. F. Ambs, Wesley Amundsen, E. L. Becker, O. A. Blake, W. P. Bradley, M. V. Campbell, Theodore Carcich, N. W. Dunn, R. R. Figuhr, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., W. J. Harris, M. Carol Hetzell, G. A. Huse, Werber Johnson, J. C. Kozel, F. R. Millard, E. L. Minchin, W. E. Murray, F. D. Nichol, W. L. Pascoe, J. W. Peeke, R. L. Reynolds, of Atlantic Union College; A. H. Roth, W. A. Scharffenberg, H. D. Singleton, C. L. Torrey, A. L. White

OTHERS PRESENT:

H. T. Elliott, C. D. Forshee, N. W. Litchfield

F. L. Peterson, Chairman, read excerpts from Volume 8 of Testimonies to the Church, pages 252-253, under the title "Homeward Bound." The quotation ended with the following sentence: "We are nearing the time when Christ will come in power and great glory to take His ransomed ones to their eternal home."

Elder Peterson said this is more evident today than it was when the Lord's servant wrote it. Man is such an imaginative being that he stretches his imagination to prolong the days of this world. He referred to an article in Look Magazine for November 5, 1963, on the moon. It is interesting to read in this article how the imagination of man has led him to believe that after fifty billion years the moon is going to disintegrate. Man asks the questions: Where did the moon come from? How did it get here? These questions are so simple to the Christian. The answers are in God's Word. While we appreciate our imagination, we do not let it run riot. We come back to the Word of God. Thank God, in these days when we know that this world is about to be dissolved, we are not gloomy; we are not sad; we are happy, for we know that Jesus is coming, and He is going to bring to this entire world the happiness and peace that man longs to have. Let us be thankful for this truth in God's message, and for God's messenger whom He sent to direct us.

Opening prayer by F. D. Nichol.

INGATHERING ACTIVITIES:

Theodore Carcich spoke of the wonderful colleges we have in North America, as in all the world field. In these colleges we have administrators and teachers who believe in our foreign mission program. He said that R. L. Reynolds, President of Atlantic Union College, had handed to him a telegram giving a report on Ingathering campaign activities by the students at Atlantic Union College, reading as follows: "HAD RAIN AND SNOW AND A REALLY COLD BLOW BUT THESE CHILDREN DON'T CARE GOT THEIR GOAL WITH A FEW HUNDRED TO SPARE AUC STUDENTS RATE FIRST PAGE IN OUR BOOK." The telegram was signed by (Vernon) SIVER and (H. H.) MATTISON, Business Manager and Pastor at Atlantic Union College.

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Report was also made that Oakwood College students in one afternoon, in the nearby vicinity of the college, raised \$3,000 for Ingathering; and within the next day or two reached their goal of \$6,000.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BASIC LIBRARY FUND--

SUBSIDIES TO FAR EASTERN AND SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISIONS:

On recommendation of the Spirit of Prophecy Committee, it was

VOTED, To grant subsidies from the Spirit of Prophecy Basic Library Fund, with the understanding that the division in each case will make available an equivalent sum, as follows:

Far Eastern Division

Desire of Ages, Volume 1 (to close of chapter 27), Japanese language, edition 3,000, 272 pages (English), subsidy \$310.00

Southern Asia Division

Counsels for the Church, Marathi language edition 1,500, 404 pages (English), subsidy 1,000.00

Counsels for the Church, Bengali language, edition 1,500, 404 pages (English), subsidy 1,000.00

VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

VOTED, To authorize visits to overseas fields, as follows:

J. E. Edwards--Far Eastern Division, October 1-December 15, 1965 (instead of 1964 as voted October 10, 1963);

R. F. Cottrell--Inter-America, January 2-February 28, 1964;

John Hancock--Inter-American Division, April 1-May 30, 1964;

W. J. Harris--Australasian Division, March 4-May 31, 1965;

W. A. Higgins--Far Eastern Division, September 15-December 15, 1965;

G. A. Huse--Inter-America (Montemorelos, Mexico), May 25-June 3, 1964;

D. A. McAdams--Southern Asia, October 1-December 15, 1964;

L. M. Nelson--Southern African Division, October 1, 1964-January 2, 1965;

H. M. S. Richards--authorization to visit Inter-American Division December 26-January 27, 1964, as voted October 10, 1963, rescinded;

F. A. Soper--Central Europe, September 1-30, 1964; Northern Europe, October 1-30, 1964;

J. R. Spangler--Southern Europe, September 15, 1964 (or October 1) for six weeks as may be arranged;

A. P. Tarr--Middle East, November 14-30, 1963 (instead of November 18-30)

E. W. Tarr--Southern Asia Division, June 15-August 15, 1965; Australasian Division, August 16-September 15, 1965;

E. R. Walde--Central Europe, June 1-20, 1965 (in connection with trip to Southern Europe, authorized for April 15-May 31, 1965);

E. L. Becker--Inter-American Division, July 20-August 1, 1964; South American Division, August 3-20, 1964;

R. M. Davidson--Southern European Division, June 1-14, 1964; Northern European Division, June 15-27, 1964; Central European Division, June 28-July 4, 1964; Southern African Division, July 6-22, 1964;

Werber Johnson--Far Eastern Division, April 17-May 10, 1964; Southern Asia Division, May 11-25, 1964; Middle East Division, May 26-31, 1964; Southern European Division, June 1-14, 1964; Northern European Division, June 15-30, 1964.

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CHARLES L. SHEPARD--PUERTO RICO:

VOTED, That the Lake Union Conference and Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital be requested to release Charles L. Shepard, and that he be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division, to serve as Laboratory Technician in the Bella Vista Hospital, in Puerto Rico.

CAROLYN STUYVESANT--ETHIOPIA:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union Conference and Loma Linda University be requested to release Miss Carolyn Stuyvesant, of the White Memorial Hospital, and that she be invited to connect with the Northern European Division for service in the Ethiopian Union Mission as a Church School Teacher, and later as a Nurse, at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

IRENE KING--NEWBOLD COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division the call from the Northern European Division for Miss Irene King, to connect with Newbold College in England, as Teacher of Secretarial Science and Violin.

JAMES UNGER--BUGEMA MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, That James Unger, recently graduated from Helderberg College, be appointed to serve as a Teacher at Bugema Missionary College, in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern African Division. It is understood that the United States is to be regarded as his homeland.

STANLEY CHARLES KNAPP, JR., M.D.--INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, That Stanley Charles Knapp, Jr., M.D., of Glendale, California, now under deferred appointment, be assigned to the Inter-American Division to serve in the Bella Vista Hospital, Puerto Rico.

DAVID G. SMALL, M.D.--INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, That David G. Small, M.D., of Glendale, California, now under deferred appointment, be assigned to the Inter-American Division, the definite location to be indicated.

MARY E. ELLQUIST--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Mary E. Ellquist be released from the call to serve as Elementary Supervisor for Japan, on her request, since she does not see her way clear to respond.

PAUL GENSTLER, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That Paul Genstler, M.D., at present on furlough from West Africa, be granted a permanent return, since because of health reasons he is unable to go forward to Ethiopia, to which field he had been appointed.

ESTHER ZUILL--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Miss Esther Zuill from appointment to the Ikizu Training School in the Tanganyika Union, as Home Economics Teacher, since she has declined to accept the call.

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MARTIN M. FISHELL--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Martin M. Fishell from appointment to Helderberg College as Business Manager, since the Southern African Division has canceled the call.

BERYLE E. WYMAN, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Beryle E. Wyman, M.D., be released from the call to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on his request, since he desires to remain in the United States.

HOWARD T. WATTS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Howard T. Watts, son of Elder and Mrs. C. B. Watts, of Okinawa, for further education; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

GEORGE L. PURSLEY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of George L. Pursley from East Africa, on his request, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern African Division.

RONALD GREGORY, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Ronald Gregory, M.D., from Thailand, on his request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division; effective in June, 1964.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To authorize appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Division Travel Committee, as follows:

W. Melvin Adams--Hamilton, Bermuda, Religious Liberty Workshop, November 1-5 (extension of trip);

E. L. Becker--Nashville, Southern Publishing Association and Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital, late January and early February; Southern Union, Southwestern Union, March and April; Loma Linda, Loma Linda University, August 20-30 (on return from South America);

E. E. Cleveland--Detroit, Michigan, City Temple Church Week of Prayer, November 16-23;

R. M. Davidson--Northern, Central Unions, Pacific Press (Omaha branch), Christian Record, Pacific Union, February 15-April 1, as may be arranged; Huntsville, Alabama, Oakwood College, two weeks August, 1964;

A. C. Fearing--Lodi, California, evangelistic meetings, March 6-15, 1964;

E. J. Folkenberg--Hollywood, California, Five-Day Plan, September 23-October 3; Sacramento, Five-Day Plan publicity, October 4-6; Portland, Oregon, set up Five-Day Plan, October 7-9; Sacramento, Five-Day Plan, November 3-14;

W. A. Higgins--Collegedale, Tennessee, Southern Missionary College Institute and Publishing Council, February 25-27;

W. A. Howe--Lake Region Conference, Educational Rally, December 6-8; Illinois Conference, speaking appointments, Brookfield, La Grange, December 13-15;

Werber Johnson--Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Loma Linda Food Company; Berrien Springs, Lake Union Conference, Andrews University; Oshawa, Canadian Union Conference, Loma Linda Food Company; South Lancaster, Atlantic Union Conference (February 1-April 15 as may be arranged); Berrien Springs, Andrews University, September, 1964

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES (concluded):

(en route Auditors' Council, Calgary, Alberta);

Theodore Lucas--Union Springs, New York, MV Rally, February 14, 15, 1964;

J. Wayne McFarland--Sacramento, Five-Day Plan, November 9-18; Loma Linda, Five-Day Plan Statistical Research, November 19-21;

R. L. Odom--Burlington, Iowa, special meetings with church, up to two weeks in November; to be arranged;

Leston Post--from Detroit, Michigan, to Washington, D.C., for counsel on the matter of production of "It-Is-Written" films;

R. J. Radcliffe--Mountain View, Pacific Press Publishing Association; San Francisco, Transportation Office, ESDA Sales and Service; North Pacific Union Conference (February 1-April 1, as may be arranged);

G. E. Vandeman--from Detroit, Michigan, to Washington, D.C., as may be authorized by the General Conference Officers during the time he is conducting reaping meetings in Detroit;

E. L. Becker, R. M. Davidson, Werber Johnson, R. J. Radcliffe, Dorothy Emmerson--Calgary, Alberta, Auditors' Council, September 15-17, 1964.

Adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

F. L. Peterson, Chairman

D. S. Johnson, Secretary

Katie Farney, Recording Secretary